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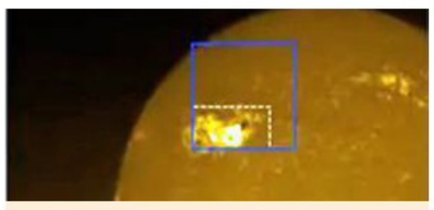

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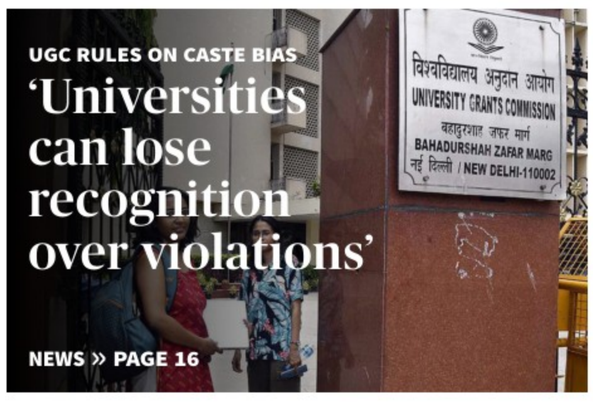

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A week since, the men still await rescue

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Special court summons ex-CM Yediyurappa on March 15 in POCSO case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

B.S. Yediyurappa

The Special Court for POCSO Act Cases, Bengaluru, took fresh cognisance of the chargesheet against former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, in the sexual abuse case involving a minor girl and summoned him to be present in court on March 15.

The special court is expected to frame charges against the former Chief Minister, following which trial in the case will begin.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) had filed a chargesheet against the octogenarian leader that he had allegedly sexually abused a 17-year-old girl who had been to his house with her mother seeking help on February 2, 2024.

The special court had taken cognisance of the chargesheet on July 4, 2024. However, Mr. Yediyurappa challenged it in the High Court, where he also appealed for quashing the FIR and the chargesheet.

However, providing partial relief to the petitioner, the High Court had given Mr. Yediyurappa anticipatory bail, but refused to quash the FIR and the chargesheet against him, saying a full trial was needed in the case.

However, the High Court set aside the July 24, 2024, order of the trial court and asked it to "pass appropriate orders afresh on the issue of taking cognisance of offences". Following this direction, the special court again took cognisance of offences on Friday.

You are gambling with Third World War, Donald Trump told Zelenskyy at the meeting. AFP

Make a deal or we're out, Trump tells Zelenskyy

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump and Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy clashed in an extraordinary shouting match in the Oval Office on Friday, leaving efforts to end the war with Russia hanging in the balance.

"You're either going to make a deal or we're out," a furious Trump told Mr. Zelenskyy.

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22 missing after avalanche hits village in Uttarakhand

Efforts to rescue BRO project workers trapped under ice affected by continuous snowfall; among the 55 civilian workers at the site, 10 have been rescued, says Army; 23 persons believed to be safe

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

In a life-or-death race against time, teams from the Indian Army and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police are working to save 22 workers who are feared to be trapped beneath the ice after a devastating glacier avalanche hit a Border Roads Organisation (BRO) project site at Mana village in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district around 5 a.m. on Friday.

According to the Uttarakhand government, there were 57 civilian workers present at the affected site where BRO construction work has been ongoing for the past two years.

Chamoli district's Disaster Response Officer Nandkishore Joshi said that the workers had been sleeping inside a couple of containers when the avalanche hit their sheds. The victims include the construction workers as well as earth mover drivers and other machine operators.

Herculean task: Indian Army personnel engaged in rescue work following an avalanche in Uttarakhand on Friday. PTI

"There has been continuous snowfall in the area for the past 48 hours," he said, adding that while many of the workers managed to run out of the sheds, many others are trapped under the mountain of ice that has covered the site.

Army Brigade Commander Mandeep Dhillon said that a dedicated rescue team – comprising seven officers, 17 Junior Commissioned Officers (JCO), and 150 other personnel of the IBEX Brigade, which is trained for rescue operations in the Himalayas – has been deployed in Mana village since 8 a.m. They are equipped with a specialised medical team and engineering equipment.

"Ten people have been rescued so far, who are under treatment by Army doctors. The operation remains ongoing, with all resources focused on saving lives," Brigadier Dhillon said. He added that 22 other workers were reported to be safe. Later, the State government said that they had managed to trace the whereabouts of one more worker and clarified that two other workers had been on leave.

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Energy Dept. gears up for summer demand

BENGALURU
With power demand going up daily in the State, the Energy Department has told escoms to divert electricity from underloaded lines to overloaded ones. » Page 4

Two die as auto gets crushed between buses

BENGALURU
Two persons were killed after an autorickshaw was crushed between two BMTC buses near Hosakerehalli Cross in the city on Friday. » Page 6

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GDP grows 6.2% on rising govt., consumer spending

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew 6.2% in the October to December 2024 period, the third quarter of the fiscal year, picking up pace from the 5.6% growth recorded in the previous quarter, according to data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) on Friday. However, this was considerably slower than the 9.5% growth over the same period in 2023. Third quarter growth trailed the Reserve Bank of India's estimates by 0.2 percentage points.

"Rebound in growth momentum in Q3 was largely anticipated, as indicated by several high-frequency macroeconomic indicators, including improved GST collections, public spending, electricity generation, and a recovery in export performance," said Rajani Sinha, Chief Economist at Care Edge ratings. "On demand side, recovery in consumption growth, government expenditure and export growth look encouraging."

The growth was mostly led by a significant uptick of 8.3% in government spending and 6.9% growth in private final consumption expenditure in the third quarter, compared to just 2.3% and 5.7%, respectively, in the same period last year. Exports too rose 10.4% in the third quarter of 2024-25, significantly higher than the 3% growth the previous year.

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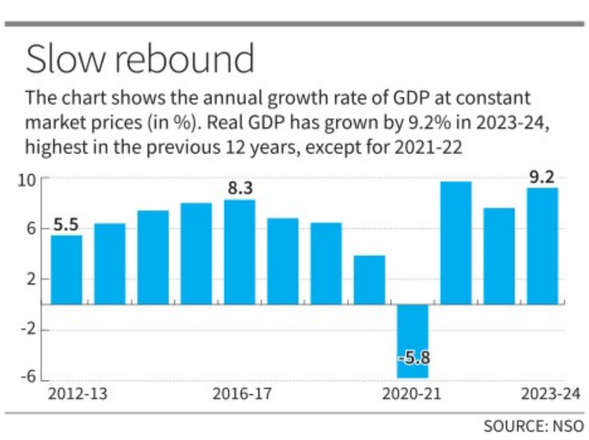

SOURCE: NSO

Vatal calls for bandh on March 22

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former MLA and Kannada activist Vatal Nagaraj has called for 'Karnataka bandh' on March 22, in protest against the recent assault on a Kannada-speaking bus conductor in Belagavi.

However, the State's prominent Kannada organisation, Karnataka Rakshana Vedike (KRV), has not extended support to it.

Mr. Nagaraj condemned the assault and called for stringent action against those responsible.

Arun Javagal of KRV, talking to *The Hindu*, said that his organisation would not support the call for bandh.

The organisation visited Belagavi and ensured withdrawal of the POCSO case filed against the conductor, he said.

Ode to origin

Spirit of celebration: Hundreds of locals and visitors gathered to celebrate the founding of Auroville, 'a universal township', with a bonfire, at the amphitheatre in front of Matrimandir near Puducherry on Friday. S.S. KUMAR

India, EU set year-end deadline for trade deal, security and defence pact

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

India and the European Union are working towards concluding their long-pending bilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA) by the end of 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday after meeting with EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen here. They are also discussing a new strategic security and defence partnership agreement, to replace the current Strategic Roadmap for 2020-2025, ahead of the next EU-India summit expected later this year.

Ursula von der Leyen with Narendra Modi ahead of their meeting at the Hyderabad House, in Delhi on Friday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Ms. von der Leyen was in Delhi to lead the College of Commissioners, the biggest such visit by the EU Cabinet thus far. "We have prepared a blueprint for collaboration in the areas of trade, technology, investment, innovation, green growth, security, skilling, and mobility. We have directed our teams to conclude a mutually beneficial bilateral Free Trade Agreement by the end of this year," Mr. Modi announced on Friday.

Progress in the FTA talks – which began first in 2007 and were relaunched in 2022 – has eluded both teams of negotiators thus far. The new directive to complete the negotiations by the end of the year is intended to give them a "political push" ahead of the next round of talks to be held from March 10 to 14 in Brussels.

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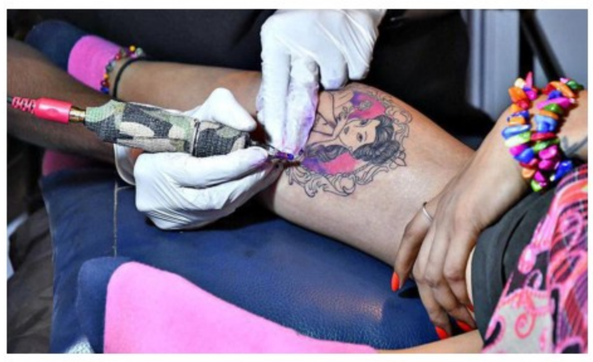
Health Dept. to write to Centre seeking regulations on tattooing

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

The Health Department will soon write to the Union Health Ministry seeking regulations specifying procedures for tattooing, including norms for issue of licence to tattoo artists and tattoo studios.

Announcing this at a press conference on Friday, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said currently tattooing is not covered under any rules/regulations. The tattoo ink can be contaminated and its introduction into the skin has been associated with the potential entry of a great number of microorganisms, including bacteria, viruses and fungi, he said.


Tattoo ink sale should be prohibited until the BIS guidelines are framed, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao has said. FILE PHOTO

Mr. Rao said he has asked the Food Safety Commissioner to write to the Centre in this regard and press for tattoo regulations. "He is working on it and the letter will be sent in a day or two," the Minister said.

"Tattoo ink sale should be prohibited until the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) guidelines are framed," he said.

The Minister said a recent testing analysis of eight tattoo ink samples collected from across the State by officials from the Food Safety and Drugs Administration, revealed alarming results. The reports revealed that samples of the tattoo inks tested positive for around 22 metals (selenium, chromium, platinum, arsenic, etc.) and residual solvents.

A senior official said random samples of tattoo inks of eight colours by different manufacturers and needles were collected informally and subjected to testing.

"While there are no guidelines on the permissible limits, the tests revealed the presence of a high level of heavy metals and residual solvents in the products, which are harmful," the official said.

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SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

‘When I sit in a dugout in front of 20,000 people... you kind of have to pinch yourself’

As a top class batter, World Cup-winning captain and successful franchise coach, Charlotte Edwards has been a significant figure in the women’s game, which has transformed beyond recognition since her international debut in 1996. In this conversation, the 45-year-old Mumbai Indians head coach offers a ringside view of her incredible life in cricket

INTERVIEW

Charlotte Edwards

P.K. Ajith Kumar

She has an English T20 tournament named after her. After establishing herself as one of the all-time greats of women’s cricket, Charlotte Edwards took to coaching with the same passion that drove her to make 10,273 international runs. She broke the record for the highest ODI score in women’s cricket as a 17-year-old. More than a decade later, she led England to two World Cup triumphs in the same year! She guided Mumbai Indians to victory in the inaugural WPL. She is also the coach of Sydney Sixers, Southern Brave and Hampshire. Edwards spoke to *The Hindu* during the first leg of the WPL’s third season at Vadodara. Excerpts:

How do you find your journey with Mumbai Indians in the WPL?

I absolutely love it. It has been one of the real highlights of my career in terms of playing and coaching. We always hoped there would be a WPL. Then to be part of that first edition with Mumbai Indians, it is what dreams are made of really.

It was great to go through an auction for the first time, and then to get that team together within a short amount of time. What I am really pleased about is the way the Indian uncapped players have used their opportunity. The way Saika Ishaque played for us in the WPL’s first season and then going on to play for India, and S. Sajana hitting that six first ball in the second season. Now these are life-changing moments for these people.

When I sit in a dugout in front of 20,000 people in the night, here, or Bengaluru last year or before that in Mumbai, these are special moments. It has been fantastic, you kind of have to pinch yourself.

What made you join Mumbai Indians?

I don’t think you can’t accept an offer from Mumbai Indians. You know, it was the one franchise that I wanted to be part of. When I think about the IPL, I think of the success Mumbai has had over the years.

> India is a special place for me. I really enjoyed playing here. And I loved travelling around the country as a player. Now I get to do it all again as a coach

Were you approached by some other franchises as well?

Clearly, there was a lot of interest around that time. But Mumbai showed their interest pretty early. Things moved pretty quickly.

We are seeing a lot of teenagers making their debut at the WPL. And some of them are getting big money, too.

The WPL has changed the girls’ lives in India. It certainly is exciting. We are going to hopefully do even more over the next few years, because the game is only going to get bigger.

Women’s cricket probably didn’t seem like it was going to be big when you started out...

I had to work alongside playing. All the players in the England team were amateurs. When I made my debut in 1996, I paid for my own blazer.

The game transformed massively over the last five years or so. When I was playing ten years ago, you know, the game was moving. I was a professional cricketer back then. I think there were just 15 professionals in England at that time. It has been extraordinary really to see the rise of the game.

There wasn’t much of women’s cricket when I began. I just loved the game and played with boys. Then, thankfully I found some women’s cricket and then my rise to the top and playing for England happened very quickly.

And before long, you hit that 173 not out against Ireland in the 1997 World Cup at Pune.

It was a hot day. And I managed to score my highest international score at the tender age of 17.

What are your earliest memories of cricket?

Playing in the back garden with my brother, watching my dad play on a Saturday afternoon. You know, that was cricket for me. And now, I am sitting in a dugout in India in the best competition in the world.

And your first Test hundred was against India.

India is a special place for me. I really enjoyed playing here as a player. And I loved travelling around the country as a player. Now I get to do it all again as a coach.

The best Indians that you have played against?

Jhulan Goswami. She was an unbelievable bowler and someone I had a lot of good contests with over the years. And I really enjoyed that. I feel very fortunate now to work with her [as the bowling coach at Mumbai Indians] and get to know her, and, you know, call her my friend.

As for the batters, there have been Mithali Raj and Harmanpreet Kaur [now the captain at MI]. Smriti Mandhana just came in before I finished, but once I saw her play, I was like, wow, this girl is going to be so good. I enjoy watching her bat. And Yastika Bhatia is not far behind. I also like to watch Ellyse Perry, Beth Mooney and Phoebe Litchfield.

You also played with some brilliant players in the England team, such as the two Taylors, Claire and Sarah...

Claire Taylor was definitely one of the best I have played with. Sarah was the most talented player, without a doubt. Some of the things she could do as a keeper was unbelievable and she has played some of the best innings I have seen. I was very fortunate to play with some great players back in the day and now I get to coach some of the great players, which is even better.

You have played with and coached Nat Sciver-Brunt, who some consider the best female cricketer in the world.

She is just an unbelievable player, but also a great person, a very humble person. We have had a great time with her at MI. Even when I first saw her, she had an unbelievable work ethic. So it is no surprise to me that she has gone on and done great things in the game and will continue to do great things. I think people haven’t quite given her the credit for her bowling.

You were the captain of England for 10 years. Winning those two World Cups in 2009 must have been special...

It will always be special. To win the 50-over World Cup in Australia and then to win in the T20 back at home at Lords – probably no better venue to do it. Those were very special months really for us as a side. To be the captain of that team... those were some fantastic moments.

What is the state of the women’s game back home now?

Really positive. We have gone to a county structure now. There are eight professional county teams, with another 10 professional teams in Tier 2. And The Hundred has been great for women’s cricket, attracting family crowds.

STACKING UP

ATP Men’s Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	23	11,330	16
2	Alexander Zverev	27	8,135	22
3	Carlos Alcaraz	21	7,510	18
4	Taylor Fritz	27	4,900	23
5	Casper Ruud	26	4,325	25
6	Daniil Medvedev	29	4,030	20
7	Novak Djokovic	37	3,900	19
8	Alex de Minaur	26	3,785	23
9	Andrey Rublev	27	3,670	28
10	Tommy Paul	27	3,280	20
11	Stefanos Tsitsipas	26	3,005	23
12	Jack Draper	23	3,000	21
13	Holger Rune	21	2,970	23
14	Ben Shelton	22	2,930	24
15	Ugo Humbert	26	2,825	24

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 131 ▼ 1 spot

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 447 ▼ 11 spots

WTA Women’s Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	26	9,076	20
2	Iga Swiatek	23	7,985	17
3	Coco Gauff	20	6,333	21
4	Jessica Pegula	31	5,196	18
5	Madison Keys	30	4,679	19
6	Jasmine Paolini	29	4,518	18
7	Elena Rybakina	25	4,328	19
8	Qinwen Zheng	22	3,780	20
9	Mirra Andreeva	17	3,720	18
10	Emma Navarro	23	3,704	25
11	Paula Badosa	27	3,698	21
12	Daria Kasatkina	27	3,116	24
13	Diana Shnaider	20	2,908	27
14	Danielle Collins	31	2,877	18
15	Karolina Muchova	28	2,734	16

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 292 ▲▼ No change

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 301 ▲▼ No change

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Liverpool	28	20	7	1	66	26	40	67
2	Arsenal	27	15	9	3	51	23	28	54
3	N. Forest	27	14	6	7	44	33	11	48
4	Man. City	27	14	5	8	53	37	16	47
5	Chelsea	27	13	7	7	52	36	16	46
6	Newcastle	27	13	5	9	46	38	8	44
7	Bournemouth	27	12	7	8	45	32	13	43
8	Brighton	27	11	10	6	44	39	5	43
9	Fulham	27	11	9	7	40	36	4	42
10	Aston Villa	28	11	9	8	40	45	-5	42
11	Brentford	27	11	5	11	48	43	5	38
12	Crystal Palace	27	9	9	9	35	33	2	36
13	Tottenham	27	10	3	14	53	39	14	33
14	Man. United	27	9	6	12	33	39	-6	33
15	West Ham	27	9	6	12	32	47	-15	33
16	Everton	27	7	11	9	30	34	-4	32
17	Wolves	27	6	4	17	37	56	-19	22
18	Ipswich Town	27	3	8	16	26	57	-31	17
19	Leicester City	27	4	5	18	25	61	-36	17
20	Southampton	27	2	3	22	19	65	-46	9

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Inter Milan	26	17	6	3	59	24	35	57
2	Napoli	26	17	5	4	42	21	21	56
3	Atalanta	26	16	6	4	59	26	33	54
4	Juventus	26	12	13	1	43	21	22	49
5	Lazio	26	14	5	7	47	34	13	47
6	Bologna	26	11	11	4	40	32	8	44
7	Fiorentina	26	12	6	8	41	28	13	42
8	AC Milan	26	11	8	7	38	28	10	41
9	Roma	26	11	7	8	40	29	11	40
10	Udinese	26	10	6	10	33	37	-4	36
11	Torino	26	7	10	9	29	32	-3	31
12	Genoa	26	7	9	10	24	34	-10	30
13	Como	26	7	7	12	32	41	-9	28
14	Verona	26	8	2	16	27	54	-27	26
15	Cagliari	26	6	7	13	26	40	-14	25
16	Lecce	26	6	7	13	18	42	-24	25
17	Parma	26	5	8	13	32	45	-13	23
18	Empoli	26	4	9	13	22	43	-21	21
19	Venezia	26	3	8	15	22	41	-19	17
20	Monza	26	2	8	16	21	43	-22	14

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	25	17	3	5	67	25	42	54
2	Real Madrid	25	16	6	3	54	23	31	54
3	Atletico Madrid	25	15	8	2	42	16	26	53
4	Athletic Bilbao	25	13	9	3	44	22	22	48
5	Villarreal	25	12	8	5	48	35	13	44
6	Rayo Vallecano	25	9	8	8	27	26	1	35
7	Real Betis	25	9	8	8	32	32	0	35
8	Real Mallorca	25	10	5	10	24	31	-7	35
9	Real Sociedad	25	10	4	11	23	23	0	34
10	Celta Vigo	25	9	5	11	36	38	-2	32
11	Sevilla	25	8	8	9	30	35	-5	32
12	Osasuna	25	7	11	7	29	34	-5	32
13	Girona	25	9	4	12	32	37	-5	31
14	Getafe	25	7	9	9	21	20	1	30
15	Espanyol	25	7	6	12	24	36	-12	27
16	Leganes	25	5	9	11	22	38	-16	24
17	Las Palmas	25	6	5	14	29	43	-14	23
18	Valencia	25	5	8	12	25	41	-16	23
19	Alaves	25	5	7	13	28	39	-11	22
20	Real Valladolid	25	4	3	18	16	59	-43	15

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	23	18	4	1	69	19	50	58
2	Leverkusen	23	14	8	1	51	27	24	50
3	E. Frankfurt	23	12	6	5	49	33	16	42
4	SC Freiburg	23	12	3	8	34	36	-2	39
5	Mainz	23	11	5	7	37	24	13	38
6	RB Leipzig	23	10	8	5	38	31	7	38
7	Stuttgart	23	10	6	7	41	34	7	36
8	Wolfsburg	23	9	7	7	46	37	9	34
9	M'gladbach	23	10	4	9	35	35	0	34
10	Dortmund	23	9	5	9	43	38	5	32
11	FC Augsburg	23	8	7	8	27	35	-8	31
12	Werder Bremen	23	8	6	9	35	47	-12	30
13	Union Berlin	23	6	6	11	21	35	-14	24
14	Hoffenheim	23	5	7	11	30	46	-16	22
15	St Pauli	23	6	3	14	18	27	-9	21
16	Heidenheim	23	4	3	16	27	47	-20	15
17	Bochum	23	3	6	14	22	47	-25	15
18	Holstein Kiel	23	3	4	16	34	59	-25	13

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	895	932
2	Harry Brook	876	898
3	Kane Williamson	867	919
4	Yashasvi Jaiswal	847	854
5	Steve Smith	823	947
6	Temba Bavuma	769	769
7	Kamindu Mendis	761	779
8	Travis Head	748	884
9	Usman Khawaja	739	847
9	Rishabh Pant	739	801

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	908	908
2	Kagiso Rabada	837	902
3	Pat Cummins	824	914
4	Josh Hazlewood	818	864
5	Nathan Lyon	812	812
6	Noman Ali	806	806
7	Marco Jansen	785	803
8	Matt Henry	782	782
9	Prabath Jayasuriya	751	801
10	Ravindra Jadeja	745	899

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Shubman Gill	817	847
2	Babar Azam	770	898
3	Rohit Sharma	757	882
4	Heinrich Klaasen	749	758
5	Virat Kohli	743	909
6	Daryl Mitchell	717	750
7	Harry Tector	713	767
8	Charith Asalanka	694	694
9	Shreyas Iyer	679	710
10	Shai Hope	672	802

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Maheesh Theekshana	680	686
2	Rashid Khan	658	799
3	Kuldeep Yadav	656	761
4	Keshav Maharaj	641	741
4	Bernard Scholtz	641	648
6	Matt Henry	635	691
7	Mitchell Santner	632	648
7	Gudakesh Motie	632	639
9	Shaheen Afridi	619	696
10	Adam Zampa	616	699

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Travis Head	856	885
2	Abhishek Sharma	829	829
3	Philip Salt	815	881
4	Tilak Varma	804	845
5	Suryakumar Yadav	739	912
6	Jos Buttler	735	756
7	Babar Azam	716	900
8	Pathum Nissanka	714	722
9	Mohammad Rizwan	709	882
10	Kusal Perera	676	786

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Akeal Hosein	707	714
2	Varun Chakravarthy	706	706
3	Adil Rashid	705	747
4	Wanindu Hasaranga	700	809
5	Adam Zampa	694	746
6	Ravi Bishnoi	674	707
7	Maheesh Theekshana	666	686
8	Rashid Khan	664	828
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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು : ಕೃಷಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ಹಾಗೂ ಯಲಹಂಕ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ 2024–25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಕ್ಷ್ಮ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ/ಪಂಗಡದ ವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಕೃಷಿ ಬೆಳೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರಿನ ಸಮರ್ಥ ಬಳಕೆಯನ್ನು ಉತ್ತೇಜಿಸಲು ಕೃಷಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ತುಂತುರು ಮತ್ತು ಹನಿ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಘಟಕಗಳಿಗೆ ಶೇ. 90ರ ರಿಯಾಯಿತಿ ದರದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿತರಿಸಲು ರೈತರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಗತ್ಯ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳಾದ ಪಹಣಿ, ಕೃಷಿ ಬೆಳೆ ದೃಢೀಕರಣ ಪತ್ರ, ಕೊಳವೆ ಬಾವಿ (ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮೂಲ ದೃಢೀಕರಣ ಪತ್ರ), ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಗಳ ನಿರಾಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಪತ್ರ, 100 ರೂ. ಸ್ಟಾಂಪ್ ಪೇಪರ್, ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಪಾಸ್ ಪುಸ್ತಕ, ಆಧಾರ್ ಪ್ರತಿ. 2 ಪಾಸ್ ಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಭಾವಚಿತ್ರ, ಪ.ಜಾತಿ/ಪ.ಪಂಗಡ ರೈತರು ಜಾತಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ, ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ರೈತ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒದಗಿಸಿ ಕೆ.ಕಿಸಾನ್ ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶದಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಜೇಷ್ಠತಾ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ತುಂತುರು/ಹನಿ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಘಟಕಗಳನ್ನು ಸಹಾಯಧನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಹತ್ತಿರದ ರೈತ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಅಥವಾ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಕೃಷಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದೆಂದು ಕೃಷಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಕೃಷಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–
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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು

DIPR/CP/5364/Zen/2024-25

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಧಾರವಾಡ
ಫೋ: (0836)2213838 Email: eedharwad@gmail.com

ನಂ.ಎಚ್.ಡಿಎಂಸಿ/66/07/02/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–02–2025

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸನ್ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಭಾರತ ಮಿಷನ್ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD/CPWD/ ಇತರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ, 2ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ, 3ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಇ.ಸಂ : **1) DMA/2024-25/PREQUAL_TENDER_NUMBER_104**

ಒಟ್ಟು 1 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 161.5 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:27/02/2025** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಧಾರವಾಡ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ **ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0836–2213838** ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18/03/2025 ಸಂಜೆ 04.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19/03/2025 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆ

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾ/1022/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ3/2024–25

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE
Directorate of Horticulture,
Lalbagh, Bengaluru - 560 004.

No: DH/AD/FRUITS/AHO-2/E-1469580/2024-25 Date: 28.02.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(through KPP portal)

Short term tender is invited for Erection and commissioning of Naturally ventilated polyhouse and shade net house at Advanced Centre of Demonstration of Floriculture Crops, Baganigere Kaval Horticulture Farm, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, Karnataka". The interested ones can participate by downloading the short term tender documents through KPP portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in **(Reference No.: KSHD/2024-25/SE0360, Dated:28.02.2025)** and **https://horticulturedir.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact: 9449919690.

Sd/-
Additional Director of Horticulture (Fruits)

DIPR/CP/5353A/MAA/2024-25

KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
No. 16 C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagara, Bengaluru-560052. Phone: 080-22268677/78/79 Fax: 080-22268667
Email: kerc-ka@nic.in Website: https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in

No: S/03/01/1544 Date: 28.02.2025

NOTICE

Sub: Issue of Discussion Paper - Invitation to public for filing Views/Comments/Objections/Suggestions if any - reg.

The Commission has issued a Discussion Paper on **"Fixation of Norms and determination of Tariff for procurement of Power from Rooftop Aero Turbine with Solar or without Solar for FY26"** for eliciting Views / Comments / Objections / Suggestions from the Stakeholders / interested persons / public.

The discussion paper is available on KERC Website **https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in** Written Views / Comments / Objections / Suggestions, if any, may be submitted to the **Secretary, KERC on or before 18.03.2025.**

Sd/- Secretary
For Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

DIPR/CP/5368/2024-25

Government of Karnataka
(Department of School Education)
Karnataka Text Book Society(R)
6th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003.
Phone: 080-26422238/45, e-Mail: **mdktbs.tender@gmail.com**
Website: **https://textbooks.karnataka.gov.in**

No: A7/47971/KTBS/ADM/OTH/24/2024 Date: 28.02.2025
(Tender No. KTBS/2024-25/IND0013)

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

Short-term tenders are invited under Two Bid System on Government of Karnataka e-procurement platform from eligible Printers, having Infrastructure as specified in the tender document to print and supply Nali-Kali learning materials & Teachers Manual to Government Primary Schools located in Karnataka State for the year 2024-25.

Eligible printers may offer their bidding **up to 5.30 p.m. on 08.03.2025.** Tender document is available in e-portal as well as department website

E-procurement portal address:
https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Portal Help line: +91-8046010000 / +91-8068948777
Department Website: http://textbooks.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Managing Director,
Karnataka Text Book Society (R), Bengaluru.

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HOSAPETE

No: CMC HPT/WS/MF/2024-25 Dated: 28-02-2025.

TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT) E-PROCUREMENT

2024-25 Municipal Fund tenders are invited for the work mentioned below as per KTPP act 2000 in two cover system are invited from the eligible Contractors/Firms registered in KPWD as mentioned below. in e-procurement the contractors / firms will have to upload all information, documents and rates etc., www.kppp.karnataka.govt.in 1) Tender Last Date:07-03-2025 5.00 PM. 2) Opening for Technical Bid will be on Date: 10-03-2025 5.10 PM. 3) Opening for Financial Bid will be on Date: 12-03-2025 5.10 PM **Indent No:DMA/2024-25/SE4309/CALL-2 Name of work : Submersible Motor pump, handpump, pipeline Repair & maintenance work in ward no. 01 to 35 at Hosapete city.** Estimated Cost Rs in (Lakh) 65.00 any other information required can be obtained from the office of the CMC Hosapete during the working hours.

Sd/- Assistant Executive Engineer, CMC Hosapete. **Sd/- Municipal Commissioner,CMC Hosapete.**

DIPR/Vijayanagar/2024-25/KSMCA/RO No/557

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division, 2nd Floor, BBMP Complex, Dhanavantri Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

No: EE/GNR/TEND/E-PROC/12/2024-25 Date: 28-02-2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)
(Single Cover and Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders on item rate basis for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
	RESERVED FOR CAT-1 (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
1	Improvements and Construction of Drain and C.C. Road to Kilari Road, Hospital Road and R.T. Street & Surrounding Area in Ward No. 123, Gandhinagar. **Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 100.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,50,000/-**
	RESERVED FOR OTHERS (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
2	Providing C.C. Roads to Conservancy Muneshwara Block 'E' Cross Road and 1st Cross Road in Ward Limits in Ward No. 122, Dattatreya Temple. **(Call-2) - Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 50.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,00,000/-**
3	Construction of BBMP Divisional Office Building and Improvements to Zonal Office Building in Ward No. 123, Gandhinagar. **(Package-1) - Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 500.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,00,000/- + (Rs. 4,00,000/- Bank Guarantee)**
4	Repairs and Improvements to BBMP Parks, Samudhaya Bhavan, Toilets and Burial Ground at Gandhinagar Sub Division in Ward No. 123. **(Call-2) - (Package-4) - Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 500.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,00,000/- + (Rs. 4,00,000/- Bank Guarantee)**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 2)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **13-03-2025 upto 16.00 Hours. 3)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **15-03-2025 at 12.30 Hours. 4)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **Will be intimated through KPPP.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division, BBMP.

(Public Works Department)
Chikkaballapur Division, Chikkaballapur

Invitation for Tender (I.F.T) No.21/2024-25 Date:24.02.2025

(For Road/Building Works -As per standard Bid Document KW 1 & 4 in two stage documnet system.)

On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the undersigned invite tenders for works in two cover system through KPP Portal from eligible contractors registered in PWD. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders for **serial No.1 to 5 from Date: 25.02.2025 to 12.03.2025 and for serial No.6 to 10 date: 25.02.2025 to 04.03.2025 up to 04:00 pm.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during hours on works days or from websites: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Chikkaballapur

DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPUR/R.O.NO:395/KSMCA/2024-25

UNIVERSITY OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES, BAGALKOT
Office of the Estate Officer, Udyanagiri, Near Simikeri By-Pass, Bagalkot –587104

No: SPO/EO/UHSB/TN-198/2024-25 Date: 28-02-2025

SHORT TERM RETENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot is inviting short term retender for the Scientific Equipments, furniture, Xerox machine and Computers for the use of various campus of the university. The interested suppliers are requested to participate in the tender online through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. For more details, please contact Ph.No: 08354-230258 and visit the link https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in for detailed specification, conditions and schedule of events and notification.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1	Last date and time for tender queries/ clarification.	05–03–2025	@	14.00 Hrs
2	Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	08–03–2025	@	16.00 Hrs
3	Date and time for opening of Technical Bid	10–03–2025	@	11.00 Hrs
4	Date and time for opening of Financial Bid (if possible)	12–03–2025	@	12.00 Hrs

All bidders shall get updated with corrigendum / addendum received from time to time during the entire tender process by visiting KPP portal.

Sd-ESTATE OFFICER
UHS, BAGALKOT

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-524/KSMCA/2024-25

CITY MUNCIPAL COUNCIL CHANNAPATNA
Ramanagar District, Phone : 080-2725 1235.
E-mail: itstaff_ulb_channapatna@yahoo.co.in
Website: www.channapatnacity.mrc.gov.in

No. : C.M.C./C.P.T./ENG/Tender/CR/20/2024-25
Date : 28-02-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

City Municipal Council, Channapatna invites tenders from eligible Suppliers Enrolled in KPPP in **Two Cover System** in accordance with KG - 2 **Standard Bid Document** through KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

For the Goods Tender Called under 2021-22, 15th Finance NMPC Grants Indents No. : DMA/2024-25/IND4462, 4463 and 4464 at Channapatna CMC Limits, Last Date for Submission Tender is on : 07-03-2025 upto 5.30 p.m., EMD Details can be referred at KPP Portal. Date of Opening Technical Bid is Scheduled on 10-03-2025 at 10.30 a.m.

For further details interested bidders may contact Technical Section during office hours at **Channapatna, C.M.C. Office**. The detailed tender notification can be viewed in **Website : www.channapatnacity.mrc.gov.in.**

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner,
City Municipal Council, Channapatna.

DIPR/Ramanagar/623/Manipal/2024-25

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I'm my own challenger: Suruchi Phogat, the teenage prodigy who owns a statement win over Manu Bhaker

Already among the country's best air pistol shooters, the 18-year-old from Haryana gives the impression that she fears no one and wants to chart her own path. Her arrival on the scene has set up a fascinating battle with double Olympic medallist Manu — a dynamic that has the potential to take shooting to a new high in India

KAMESH SRINIVASAN

Stan Rayan

One can well imagine what Suruchi Phogat must have felt when her father took her to a wrestling camp when she was 11. An ex-army man, Inder Singh was crazy about the sport and wanted his daughter to become a wrestler too.

But some six months into wrestling, Suruchi suffered a collar-bone injury and had to quit the sport.

Child-like innocence

Clearly, the little girl was not cut out for the hard and harsh world of wrestling. Talk to her for a few minutes, and a soft, child-like innocence stands out. Every sentence appears to end in a giggle. It is difficult to picture Suruchi gritting her teeth, grappling with or pinning down wrestlers with all her might.

> Both Suruchi and Manu have the same confidence level, she could run Manu close. In fact, after the National Games, Manu called up and asked what I'm giving her
>
> **SURESH SINGH**
> Coach

So it's likely that she felt a considerable sense of relief when Inder, worried that his daughter would suffer further injuries, pulled her out of wrestling.

"But my dad wanted me to do some sport. One day, my father and I entered a shooting range. And I was very interested to see shooters," said Suruchi in a chat with *The Hindu* during the recent National Games in Dehradun.

Hooked to shooting at 14, Suruchi travelled almost 120 km every day between her home in Haryana's Sasroli and Bhiwani, where she sharpened her skills in the new sport at the Guru Dronacharya Shooting Academy. The to-and-fro journey, by train, took over three hours and brought Suruchi rich rewards.

The 18-year-old is now among the country's best air pistol shooters in a world that includes double Olympic bronze medallist Manu Bhaker, who, incidentally, trained at the same Bhiwani academy during her early years.

Suruchi, who won the women's, junior and youth air pistol titles at the shooting Nationals in New Delhi in December, took the 10m air pistol gold at the Dehradun National Games, shocking Asian Games champion Palak Gulia and seasoned Olympian Rahi Sarnobat, the 2018 Asiad gold medallist.

Suruchi made up for finishing with an empty bag at the previous edition of the National Games in Goa by winning another gold, pairing up with Parmod to claim the 10m air pistol mixed team title. With this performance, she emerged as the shooting star of the National Games.

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coached Manu for a period of two years, sees a lot in common between the two.

"Both Suruchi and Manu have the same confidence level, she could run Manu close [in competitions]. In fact, after the National Games, Manu called up and asked what I'm giving her," revealed Suresh, who believes Suruchi is as good a talent as the double Olympic medallist.

"At the Paris Olympics, the qualification score was 582...Suruchi has been consistently scoring 585, that shows how good she is. Suruchi has been training with me for four years, Manu trained two years....the more competition exposure Suruchi gets, the better she will be."

Incidentally Manu, from Goria village, and Suruchi, from Sasroli, hail from the same Jhajjar district in Haryana, with a little over 10 km separating the two houses.

Has Manu inspired Suruchi in any way?

"No," said Suruchi. "My parents, my coach and myself are the inspiration."

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> **SURUCHI PHOGAT**

Defeating India's best

Manu Bhaker did not compete in the New Delhi Nationals and the National Games, but was back in competition at the recent National trials in Tughlakabad. And it was Suruchi (246.4 points) who prevailed, conquering a strong field in the first trial. She beat former World junior champion Sainyam (241.5) by a 4.9-point margin while Manu finished third. Suruchi had also topped the qualification earlier with a personal-best score of 586.

Suruchi suffered a rare defeat in the second trial, which was won by Meenu Pathak. But by taking second place, the 18-year-old finished higher than Esha Singh, who won four medals at the 2022 Asian Games, Sainyam, Manu and Rhythm Sangwan, another Olympian.

Suruchi's arrival has created a buzz of excitement in Indian shooting. It has set up some very interesting battles between Manu and her, as the two prepare for this November's World Championships in Cairo, next year's Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya (Japan) and the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. The competition between the Olympic medallist and the young challenger could also be a great opportunity to market the sport in a bigger and better way. It has the potential to take shooting to a new high in India.

Suruchi's coach Suresh Singh, who had earlier coached Manu for a period of two years, sees a lot in common between the two.

The young girl, who occasionally practises meditation, also gives the impression that she fears no one, that she is keen to chart her own course.

"Nobody is my challenger, I'm my own challenger," said Suruchi, who is now in her first year of college.

"I don't want to say anything about any shooter. I will perform good, will try to be better than before," she said about her upcoming battles with Manu.

Olympic ambition

Shooting has been a very fruitful sport for India at the Olympics.

Abhinav Bindra, in the 10m air rifle, earned India its first Olympic gold in an individual event at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. After a very disappointing Tokyo Games in 2021, Indian shooters proved their worth in Paris, bringing home three bronze medals, with Manu creating history as the first Indian woman to win two medals at the same Games. In all, shooters have claimed seven medals for India at the Olympics.

And that is Suruchi's dream too.

"I'm preparing for the Olympics and I think Los Angeles 2028 will be a big year for me," she said.

Clearly, shooting promises to throw up many more interesting stories in the years to come.

GAME THEORY

Shami among the ODI bowling elite

In the ongoing Champions Trophy, Mohammed Shami became the fastest Indian bowler — the joint-second-fastest overall — to claim 200 ODI wickets (in terms of matches). This week, we take a look at the most frequent strikers in ODI cricket, ranked by the number of games they took to bring up wicket milestones:

Mohammed Shami

Saqlain Mushtaq

Brett Lee

Waqar Younis

Muralidaran

FASTEST TO 200 ODI WICKETS			
Player	Team	Time	Matches
Mitchell Starc	Australia	11y 318d	102
Saqlain Mushtaq	Pakistan	3y 249d	104
Mohammed Shami	India	12y 45d	104
Trent Boult	New Zealand	11y 94d	107
Brett Lee	Australia	5y 184d	112
FASTEST TO 250 ODI WICKETS			
Player	Team	Time	Matches
Saqlain Mushtaq	Pakistan	5y 203d	138
Brett Lee	Australia	6y 282d	139
Waqar Younis	Pakistan	7y 92d	148
Allan Donald	South Africa	10y 307d	148
Shane Warne	Australia	8y 10d	161
FASTEST TO 300 ODI WICKETS			
Player	Team	Time	Matches
Brett Lee	Australia	8y 172d	171
Waqar Younis	Pakistan	10y 166d	186
Glenn McGrath	Australia	11y 57d	200
M. Muralidaran	Sri Lanka	9y 154d	202
Lasith Malinga	Sri Lanka	13y 45d	203
FASTEST TO 350 ODI WICKETS			
Player	Team	Time	Matches
Brett Lee	Australia	11y 213d	202
Waqar Younis	Pakistan	12y 17d	218
M. Muralidaran	Sri Lanka	10y 201d	229
Glenn McGrath	Australia	13y 43d	233
Wasim Akram	Pakistan	13y 139d	244
FASTEST TO 400 ODI WICKETS			
Player	Team	Time	Matches
Waqar Younis	Pakistan	13y 55d	252
M. Muralidaran	Sri Lanka	12y 165d	263
Wasim Akram	Pakistan	15y 57d	285
Chaminda Vaas	Sri Lanka	14y 194d	322
FASTEST TO 450 ODI WICKETS			
Player	Team	Time	Matches
M. Muralidaran	Sri Lanka	13y 249d	295
Wasim Akram	Pakistan	17y 140d	327
FASTEST TO 500 ODI WICKETS			
Player	Team	Time	Matches
M. Muralidaran	Sri Lanka	15y 165d	324
Wasim Akram	Pakistan	18y 94d	354

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Gravity, what's that?

Australia's Dane Folpp competes in the men's slopestyle final during the recent Crankworx Summer Series in Christchurch.

Slopestyle is an extreme form of dirt jumping, described by one athlete as "one of the gnarliest ways to ride a bike". The term 'slopestyle' comes from the Winter Olympics event, in which snowboarders and skiers perform tricks on a course with ramps and rails.

Slopestyle riding replaces snow with dirt and skis with bicycles. The aim is to ride down the course — a slope with ramps and features built into it — and execute the most spectacular tricks the rider can safely pull off.

The riders are judged on how difficult and original the tricks are, how well they are executed, how high the riders fly, and the overall impression the 'run' leaves on the adjudicators.

The Crankworx event was billed as 'an exhilarating blend of racing, natural beauty, and adventure that captures the essence of the Kiwi outdoor lifestyle' — judging by reports of the action, which featured both renowned talent and upcoming riders, it delivered on the promise.

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Energy Department gears up for State's summer demand

Though the power need this year is around 10 – 15% higher than last year, there will be no power cuts, say officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the power demand going up daily in the State, the electricity infrastructure, some decades old, is getting overloaded. To combat this, the Energy Department has directed the respective electricity supply companies (escoms) to divert electricity from underloaded lines to overloaded lines.

Speaking at a press conference on Friday, Energy Minister K.J. George said, "In a few places, especially in Tumakuru, Haveri, and Chitradurga, we found that when the demand went up, the transmission lines or substations were getting overloaded. While we have enough power to provide them with an uninterrupted supply, we need to divert the capacity. Hence, I have ordered escoms to use link lines."

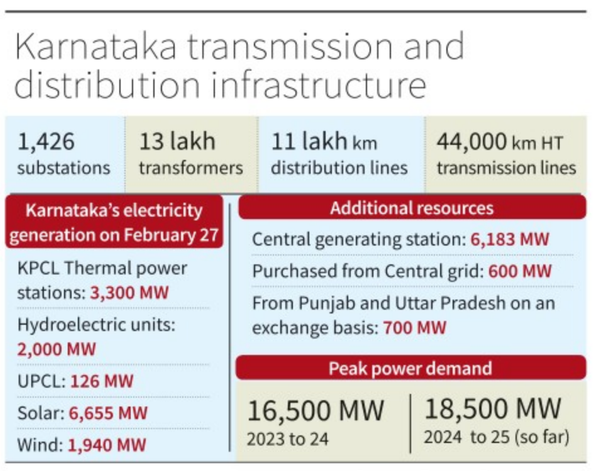
To improve transmission and distribution in the State, the Department also plans to increase the number of substations. While around 50 new substations have been set up every year in the last five years, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) plans to set up 100 new substations in the current financial year.

"Our current transmission capacity is around 30,000 megawatts (MW). We want to double this in the next three to four years," informed Pankaj Kumar Pandey, managing director, KPTCL. He also said that, unlike previous years when transformers with less capacity used to be installed in 66 kV substations, now maximum capacity transformers are being installed. Further, steps are being taken to upgrade from 220 kV substations to 400 kV substations in the transmission network. "Currently, there are nine 400 kV substations, and work is underway for another seven of them. We have also given tender for another five to six 400 kV substations," Mr. Pandey said. The officials of the Energy Department said that even though power demand is around 10 - 15% higher than last year and is expected to reach an unprecedented 19,000 MW this year, there will be no power cuts (for reasons other than technical issues) nor load-shedding.

"Compared to last year, the electricity demand has significantly increased. On February 27 last year, the demand was 16,214 MW, whereas on the same day this year, the demand was 17,874 MW. This demand has been adequately met. Similarly, steps have been taken to ensure that there will be no issues in supplying electricity in the same manner until the first week of June," Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy Department. Along with power generated in the State, the power from central generating stations (CGS), the central grid, and power amounting to 700 MW obtained from Punjab and Uttar Pradesh on an exchange basis is being used to manage the demand.

"To further meet electricity demand, an additional 310 MW will be sourced starting Friday (March 1). Depending on demand, 100 to 1,275 MW will be obtained daily through exchange agreements, and 300 MW will be procured from Punjab. Additionally, 1,000 MW of electricity will be purchased daily until the first week of June," the officials said.

Minister of Energy K.J. George during a press conference in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



QR code to authenticate approval letters

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The Electrical Inspectorate, which is responsible for approving plans and operations of various electricity projects, including lifts, escalators, and travelators, launched a QR code on Friday to authenticate the approval letters issued by them. In recent days, the Inspectorate has seen that many fake operational and security approval letters were given to escoms to get the project operational. Hence, to protect the integrity of the approval letters, a QR code will henceforth be attached which can be scanned by the escom officials to authenticate it.

It can also be used by the public to authenticate the approval letters provided by the Electrical Inspectorate

State to install smart meters, but not under Centre's RDS Scheme

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The Energy Department has decided to pull out of the Union government's Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) under which prepaid smart meters were supposed to be installed in Karnataka. Instead, the Department will install smart meters by itself, outside of the scheme.

"The State has taken a decision not to avail the RDSS. The process is going on for the installation of smart meters outside of the scheme," said Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy Department.

Karnataka is one of the very few States in the country that have not availed itself of the RDSS for installation of smart meters. According to the data provided by the Ministry of Power recently in Rajya Sabha, 19.79 crore consumer smart meters have been sanctioned for different States under RDSS. The officials remain tight-lipped about why the State will not install smart meters under RDSS.

Pending arrears

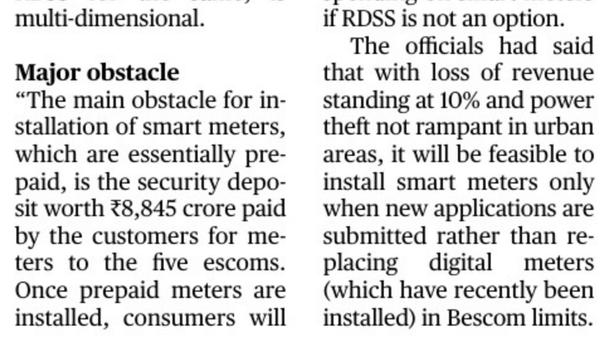
Sources in the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) had earlier revealed that while the project was awaiting a nod from the State cabinet since 2021, even if the approval was received, the pending arrears of the escoms to the tune of over ₹6,500 crore, might prove to be a roadblock.

While the Energy Department has been speaking about the installation of smart meters for years now, there has not been much progress on this front. Experts in the power sector say that the reason for the delayed installation of smart meters, as well as not making use of the RDSS for the same, is multi-dimensional.

Major obstacle

"The main obstacle for installation of smart meters, which are essentially prepaid, is the security deposit worth ₹8,845 crore paid by the customers for meters to the five escoms. Once prepaid meters are installed, consumers will demand the deposit money back. They are currently holding the deposit money by paying consumers a meagre interest of 6.5%. The other reason is that there will be no scope for meter manipulation if smart meters are installed," said M.G. Prabhakar, former advisory member of Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission. In August 2024, the KERC had also directed escoms to spend money on the upgrading of infrastructure rather than spending on smart meters if RDSS is not an option.

The officials had said that with loss of revenue standing at 10% and power theft not rampant in urban areas, it will be feasible to install smart meters only when new applications are submitted rather than replacing digital meters (which have recently been installed) in Bescom limits.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MVJ College hosts 'Vishwa 2025'

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On the occasion of National Science Day, MVJ College of Engineering (MVJCE), in association with Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE), Bangalore Chapter, hosted a one-day workshop titled 'Vishwa-2025: Innovations for a Climate-Resilient and Sustainable Future on Earth and Beyond' on Friday.

In his inaugural address, B.N. Suresh, chairman, MVJCE, spoke about the power of science and technology for national progress.

"Only the countries which innovate will survive in the future," he said.

"Imagine a situation where all these mighty rivers dry up - what would happen to a country like ours," he asked, raising concerns of climate change's impact on people's lives. S. Gopalakrishnan, Chairman of INAE, Bangalore Chapter, said that while engineering was all about problem-solving, when applying math and physics to real-life challenges, sadly the education system's exam-centric approach was more of a hindrance.

National Science Day celebrated across city

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The National Science Day celebrations were held in various institutes across the city on Friday.

Every year, the National Science Day is celebrated across India on February 28 to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by physicist Sir C.V. Raman on February 28, 1928, for which he received the Nobel prize.

From schools

To mark the 97th anniversary of the discovery, the Raman Research Institute (RRI), founded by the Nobel Laureate, hosted an Open Day. According to RRI , over 1800 participants including students from various government and private schools, colleges, and the general public visited the Institute during the day.

Live demonstrations

"A variety of science demonstrations that explain basic science were conceptualised and executed by the Ph.D. students, staff, and external groups. Members from all four groups of the Institute, as well as the facilities, including the library, mechanical engineering services, and electronics engineering group, were seen enthusiastically demonstrating experiments and interacting with the visitors," it added.

Various experiments like the Young's Double Slit, the Raman Effect, Brachistrone problem were demonstrated to the students.

"The Electronics and Engineering group showed and decoded the Weather Satellite signals, the sun's radio spectrum and the principles behind motion sensors. They demonstrated electrical engineering techniques that enable cutting edge astrophysics research and built the capacity of young students towards electronics through a brief tutorial on how students can build their own computer to detect radio signals," RRI said.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar inaugurated the U.R. Rao Bhavan, built by Bengaluru Smart City Ltd. at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium. Built at a cost of ₹42 crore the building hosts a 600 seater auditorium, four lecture halls with 50 seating capacity and one lecture hall with 100 seating capacity. It also houses an observatory telescope. On the occasion, Bangalore Association for Science Education (BASE) President A.S. Kiran Kumar administered the National Science Day oath.

Children watching the live science demonstrations at the Raman Museum and Archival Gallery on RRI campus on C.V. Raman Road in Bengaluru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Thief held: 100 bikes seized

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The K.R. Pura police arrested an inter-state thief who was stealing two-wheelers in the city and other states and seized 100 two-wheelers of different companies worth ₹1.45 crore from him on Friday.

The arrested thief was identified as Prasad Babu, 28, a resident of Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh. He came to the city four years ago and worked as a mechanic while living in K.R. Puram. Later, he went back to Andhra Pradesh and worked as an auto driver. At that time, he used to come to the city by bus at night, steal two-wheelers and escape to his home-town on the same bike, the police said.

A resident of Gayatri Layout had lodged a complaint in the K. R. Pura police station about his missing two-wheeler, which was parked in front of his house. Through technical evidence, police tracked down the accused with the missing bike near the Hoskote toll gate. His interrogation reportedly led to uncovering more two-wheeler lifting cases in Bengaluru City, Bengaluru Rural District, Kolar, and the states of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.

From Page One

State to seek regulations on tattooing

Pointing out that there is no suitable method to test the sterility of the tattoo ink as the product is coloured, sources said the needles have been taken to test for sterility and the reports are awaited. "One container of tattoo ink is used for many customers, so sterility cannot be maintained. Also, the environment in the tattoo studios is not aseptic," he said.

"Based on the test reports and the unhygienic practices adopted in most tattoo studios, there is every possibility that the individual may develop health complications and this needs to be immediately addressed," he said.

Not classified as 'cosmetic'

Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and Rules 1945, "cosmetic" means any article intended to be rubbed, poured, sprinkled or sprayed on, or introduced into, or otherwise applied to, the human body or any part thereof for cleansing, beautifying, promoting attractiveness, or altering the appearance, and includes any article intended for use as a component of cosmetic. Although tattoo ink fits into this definition, it has not been classified as a "cosmetic."

"Pigments and heavy metals injected into the skin through tattoo ink can be transported to migrating cells and organs such as the liver, lungs or kidneys. Surveys on the possible health risks associated with tattoos have revealed that people have developed skin problems, systemic reactions, fever directly after tattooing and pus-filled tattoo lesions," the official added.

Drug trafficking: Adugodi police arrest 3

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The Adugodi police have arrested three people, including two foreign nationals, who were allegedly peddling drugs and seized 743 grams of MDMA, one kg of ganja, and four mobile phones and two-wheelers worth ₹77 lakh from them.

The police received information that two people were selling drugs near KMF compound on Bannerghatta Road. Based on the information, three people, including two foreign nationals, were arrested and the drugs were seized.

During interrogation, the two accused said that they knew a foreigner and had purchased the MDMA and ganja from him at a low price and planned to sell the same to the public at a higher price.

The two said that they had kept ganja in their house in Balajinagar. The police seized 1 kg 231 grams of ganja, three mobile phones and two weighing machines from their house.

Based on the information given by the accused, the house of the third accused, who was supplying MDMA and ganja, was raided in Devarchikkanhalli and 684 grams of MDMA, a mobile phone and a weighing machine were seized.

Seven others held

In other cases, the police arrested seven people for selling ganja in various police stations limits in the city and seized 50 kg of ganja worth ₹11.22 lakh, 3 two-wheelers and a phone.

Sports festival organised

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Former cricketer and president of the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), Raghuram Bhat, inaugurated 'Udaan 2025' the annual sports festival of Presidency University in Bengaluru recently . Seventy-five colleges from across the region participated in the event on the university campus.

Mr. Bhat spoke about his own sporting journey from being a left arm spinner to becoming the president of KSCA and ensuring that promising cricketers from every part of Karnataka get the best training and opportunity. He shared his experience of working closely with the current Indian cricket team. Speaking about the daily schedule of star cricketers like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma during tournaments, Mr. Bhat told the young sportspersons that there is no substitute for teamwork and following a strict regimen.

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High Court relaxes Darshan's bail condition

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Darshan

Modifying a condition imposed on actor Darshan while granting him bail in the Renukaswamy murder case, the High Court of Karnataka has said that he should seek permission from the trial court only for travelling aboard.

Earlier, the court had said that Darshan had to take permission from the trial court in Bengaluru for leaving the jurisdiction of the trial court. Now Darshan need not seek permission from the trial court to travel within the country.

Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the order after it was pointed out to the court that the actor, being a permanent resident of Mysuru, is required to travel outside Bengaluru every now and then for professional reasons and due to health conditions, and requiring him to take permission from trial court every time was causing him hardship.

Art exhibition

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The Rotary Club of Bangalore, Lavelle Road, is hosting an annual art exhibition titled 'Kala for Vidya' on Saturday and Sunday at ITC Windsor, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Since 2005, this event has supported the education of economically-disadvantaged children at Rotary Bangalore Vidyalaya (RBV).

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The Navu Manujaru programme, which was launched in schools by the Karnataka government in June, 2024, to foster positive values of social harmony, scientific temper and healthy habits, has had a positive impact on students, according to a report released by Department of State Educational Research and Training (DSERT).

As announced in the State Budget in 2024-25, the Navu Manujaru programme was launched in all government, aided and unaided primary and high schools in the State on June 24. This programme involved discussions, dialogues and other activities for two hours per week (with three periods of 40 minutes) and one period of value education.

All schools had uploaded videos and photographs of the programmes undertaken under this on the DSERT e-portal. Recently, DSERT prepared the report after examining all the information uploaded.

“Students have been made aware of the great work done by many philosophers including social reformers likes Budha, Basavanna, Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar and others in schools. Values of knowledge, tolerance, peace, non-violence, brotherhood have been promoted in children through various activities,” report said. Meaningful celebrations of national festivals, dramas about patriotism, essay writing, and lectures have been organised. Children have been convinced against evil practices such as untouchability through dialogue and discussion, it noted.

Videograbs of the programmes on the DSERT e-portal. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Lectures on Constitutional values had been arranged. To create environmental awareness, schools have held tree planting and other programmes.

‘Rahasya Bayalu’

The ‘Rahasya Bayalu’ programme focused on eradicating superstitions. Most schools organised activities to educate children about superstitions and help them understand science through demonstrations, drama, symposiums, noted the report. The report states that the ‘Navu Manujaru’ has been successful in instilling the habit of reading science books/critical works, and also creating awareness about being safe and responsible on social media.

To build harmony among students, schools have encouraged community lunches (sahabhojana), celebrations of festivals of various religions, school garden management, indoor and outdoor games and desi sports and other group activities. Steps have been taken to read the thoughts of exemplary leaders, understand, and explain with examples during daily prayers in schools too, it said.

Lifestyle changes

The DSERT report, observed that the programme has been successful in sensitising children about consumption of nutrients, the benefits of consuming vegetables and fruits and staying away from junk food. However, it has stated that schools should provide information about moderate consumption of three ingredients – maida, sugar and salt -- to the students.

Two die as autorickshaw gets crushed between buses

Police inspecting the accident spot at Hosakerehalli Cross in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two persons were killed after an autorickshaw was crushed between two Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses near Hosakerehalli Cross on Friday.

The accident occurred around noon at NCERT Junction, close to Seetha Circle. The deceased have been identified as Vijay Kumar, 50, the autorickshaw driver, and Vishnu Bhatia, 80, the passenger.

A BMTC bus ahead of the autorickshaw made a sudden stop, causing the rickshaw to ram into it. Simultaneously, another BMTC bus rammed into the auto from behind, crushing it between the two buses.

According to the BMTC, the driver of the BMTC bus attached to depot 33 applied a sudden break when a car took a sudden turn at NCERT Junction. The bus was operating between Hosakerehalli and Kempegowda Bus Station. The second BMTC bus was attached to depot 6.

Severe head injuries

Traffic police and Fire and Emergency Services personnel rushed to the spot and had to use specialised equipment to pull out the victims. Both of them had sustained severe head injuries, and they were taken to a nearby hospital, where they were declared ‘brought dead’. The Banashankari Traffic Police have registered a case in the matter.

The police said that though the BMTC bus applied sudden brakes, he had shown a hand signal, but the autorickshaw driver was overspeeding and couldn’t control his vehicle in such a short period and rammed into the bus from behind. The second BMTC bus that came from behind couldn’t halt suddenly and crushed the autorickshaw.

Tech to allow micropropagation of ‘yelakki’

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Is it possible to produce a banana through a banana flower? With the technology for Embryogenic Cell Suspension (ECS) developed by scientists at Indian Institute of Horticulture (IIHR), yelakki banana plants can be micropropagated with a male banana flower. These propagations are displayed at the three-day National Horticulture Fair (NHF) that was inaugurated on Thursday at the campus in Hesarghatta.

The yelakki variety, which is quite popular in southern India, is usually grown using apical shoot tips as explants. However, according to the scientists, through this method, it has gotten difficult to meet the demand for planting material. Plants developed with the ECS obtained from the male flower ensured faster multiplication on a large scale and can be used as a substitute to shoot tip culture technology and thereby keep up with the demand. The fruits obtained from plants developed via new technology are also bigger in size.

“An ideal embryogenic calli can produce 50,000 - 1,00,000 plants and ensure year-long availability of plants at a lower cost. Farmers can have large scale production over a period of six months by multiplication. There will be uniformity in flowering and the planting material will be disease free along with the least contamination rate. Overall, the production cost (of yelakki bananas) can be reduced by 15 - 20% using ECS technology,” said Usha Rani, senior scientist at IIHR who is also the lead developer of the technology, detailing its advantages.

Bitter-free cucumber

Under IIHR’s flagship brand Arka, a new cucumber variety named Arka Veera is also a new variety which is being displayed at the NHF. The variety is free from internal core split and bitter taste. It is also rich in antioxidant activity and minerals. This variety is expected to be helpful for farmers as it is tolerant to downy mildew disease and provides yield of 25 - 28 tonnes per hectare in 75 - 80 days.

Around 25,000 visited NHF in the last two days with more visitors expected on the last day. While around 10,000 people visited on the first day, around 25,000 people were there on Friday, according to officials from IIHR.

Akasa Air begins direct flights from Bengaluru to Abu Dhabi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Akasa Air will commence daily direct flights connecting Bengaluru with Abu Dhabi in UAE under codeshare with Etihad Airways from March 1.

The maiden flight from Kempegowda International Airport will depart at 1000 IST and arrive at Zayed International Airport in Abu Dhabi at 1235 AST.

With this expansion, Akasa Air now operates 21 weekly flights connecting Abu Dhabi with three major Indian cities. This marks the airline’s first international route from Bengaluru.

“We are thrilled to launch this new international route operated with a codeshare agreement with Etihad Airways, which strengthens our presence in UAE, one of the most crucial international aviation corridors. This partnership unlocks new travel possibilities for our customers, supporting tourism, trade, and cultural exchange between the two countries,” said Neelu Khatri, co-founder and SVP International, Akasa Air.

Three-day FPO mela inaugurated

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

“There are a total of 1,472 farmer producer organisations (FPOs) in the State established under various schemes and departments, and there are 8.26 lakh farmer shareholders. Business transactions worth ₹1,073 crore have occurred through these FPOs so far,” said Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy on Friday after inaugurating the three-day FPO mela in the College of Horticulture at the University of Horticultural Sciences-Bagalkot (UHS-B) campus in Bengaluru.

Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy at the mela. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The mela was organised by the Small Farmer’s Agri Business Consortium (SFAC), Government of India, in collaboration with the Watershed Development Department (WDD) and the Centre of Excellence for FPO (COE-FPO), Bengaluru. More than 90 stalls displaying various millets, coffee, rice, and spices have been set up at the fair to promote farmer empowerment by minimalising middleman interference and making agriculture a profitable enterprise.

Mr. Chaluvarayaswamy also said that while 486 Amrit FPOs were established during the tenure of the previous government, in 2024 - 25, the present State government allocated ₹21 crore for those FPOs. He also said that the government grants ₹18 lakh to FPOs for a period of three years for operational expenses while it grants ₹25 lakh for a period of five years to community based business organisations.

The buyers at the mela appreciated the event by saying that it was a good platform for startups to meet farmers directly.

16th Bengaluru International Film Festival to open with Hindi film *Pyre*

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 16th Bengaluru International Film Festival will begin with an inauguration ceremony outside the premises of Vidhana Soudha on Saturday. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the festival while veteran star Shivarajkumar and Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar will be chief guests.

Shivarajkumar, who returned from the U.S. after undergoing treatment for bladder cancer in January, is set to release five cinema-related books published by the Karnataka Film Academy. Actor Priyanka Mohan, actor and ambassador of BIFFes Kishore Kumar G., Malgorzata Wejsis-Golebiak, the Polish Institute Director, and M. Narasimhalu, president of the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce will be present.

The Hindi film *Pyre* is the opening film. Directed by Vinod Kapri, the film is a poignant drama about an ageing couple. More than 200 films will be screened across 11 screens at the Orion Mall, with additional screenings at Kalavidara Sangha, Dr. Rajkumar Bhavan and Suchitra Film Society.

Food both unites and divides, says critic

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Touching upon the political hot potato that food has lately become, food critic, historian and writer Pushpesh Pant, at the third edition of History Literature Fest being held at Christ University, Bengaluru, observed that food not only unites, but also divides.

Fracas over food

He was referring to clash that erupted between students in South Asian University in Delhi over serving non-vegetarian food on Maha Shivaratri day.

“I was very upset about a news item which I read on the plane as I was travelling to Bengaluru. There was a fracas in South Asian University because non-vegetarian food was served in an exclusive separate mess on the day of Maha Shivarathri which hurt the feelings of people who then assaulted people in the other mess. I think the problem with food is that it not only unites but it also divides,” he said.

Mr. Pant was speaking as part of a panel at HLF in which food historian Rakesh Raghunathan and chef and food writer Sadaf Hussain participated.

Answering a question from the audience on the impact of religion on food, Mr. Raghunathan noted how historical records prove the way societies with different food habits co-existed earlier.

“If you look at some of the ancient records, scriptures or ancient literature, they talk about how several communities that today don’t eat meat, at one point of time, consumed it. In today’s context, a whole division has been created where they talk about how the cow is very sacred and cannot be consumed, but there are references in the past where it has been and there are several reasons for why they did that,” he pointed out.

Tool to divide

“Yes, food is used as a tool today to divide people; But I think there are many people in the industry and people who have been researching and telling the story of food in such a way where we are trying to say that food can only bring people together and not divide,” he added.

HLF will be on at Christ University till March 2.

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Bird flu: Chickballapur district administration undertakes mass culling in Varadahalli village

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Chickballapur district administration on Friday conducted mass culling of birds in the Varadahalli village limits after bird flu infection was confirmed in poultry.

Deputy Commissioner P.N. Ravindra appealed to the people to follow the Standard Operating Procedures of the Health Department without panicking to prevent the spread of the infection.

Speaking at a press conference, Mr. Ravindra said the district administration has taken several steps to prevent the disease from spreading and that there was no need to panic. “Since bird flu has already been detected and confirmed in chickens that died in Varadahalli, restrictions have been imposed on the transport of chickens within a 10 km radius of the village. In addition, a blockade has been imposed to prevent chickens from being brought to the villages around Varadahalli from outside,” he said.

A mass culling of birds was undertaken in Varadahalli village limits after bird flu infection was confirmed in poultry. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The poultry in Varadahalli is being culled as per the government guidelines. So far, no cases of cough, cold, or fever have been reported among the people of the village. However, he said, various departments, including the Health Department, are monitoring the health of each family in the village. The Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) has been directed to maintain cleanliness and disease control measures were under way.

Mr. Ravindra further said that since no problem had been reported in the rest of the district, the public can cook healthy chicken well and eat it as usual, keeping cleanliness in mind. “The district administration has taken preventive measures to control the disease. We are also taking steps to ensure that samples of chickens brought into the district from outside via vehicles are tested,” he added.

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Access to premium real estate assets

New regulations bring the added advantages of investor protection and increased liquidity

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Ganesh Babu Arunachalam

The Indian real estate sector is undergoing a transformative shift, driven by proactive regulatory initiatives. Landmark reforms such as the RERA Act (2016) to enhance developer accountability, the introduction of GST for tax standardisation, and the implementation of REIT regulations (2014) to create a new investment avenue have collectively bolstered accessibility, transparency, and market stability for investors.

The introduction of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) regulations in 2014, followed by India's first REIT listing in 2019, opened up institutional-grade real estate investments to retail investors. Taking this momentum further, SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has now introduced a framework for Small and Medium REITs (SM REITs), aiming to further democratise real estate investment in the country. While some investors have previously explored fractional ownership of commercial properties through dedicated platforms, the new SM REIT regulations bring the added advantages of regulatory oversight, investor protection, and increased liquidity. As per the recent report by Colliers, institutional investments in Indian real estate reached a five-year high of $6.5 billion in 2024, marking a 22% YoY growth from $5.4 billion in 2023. The industrial and warehousing segment emerged as the top contributor to Indian realty investments, attracting $2.5 billion – a staggering 190% increase compared to 2023.

Globally, REITs are an established and successful investment model. In the United States alone, publicly traded REITs manage an astonishing $2.5 trillion in gross assets. India's REIT market is following a similar upward trajectory, having expanded significantly over the past five years, with its gross asset value increasing from approximately $3.6 billion to $15.6 billion today.

SEBI's new regulatory framework for SM REITs has lowered entry barriers, allowing retail investors access to premium real estate assets that were previously dominated by institutional players.

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1.	**1. M/s Sierra Constructions (P) Ltd** **Rep by its managing Director** **2. M/s Tecsol Sierra Engineering & Constructions LLP** **Rep by its Managing Partner** **3. Smt K B Chikkathayamma** **W/o Late B S Channappa** **4. Sri S C Dhanashankar** **S/o Late B S Channappa** **5. Mrs Kumari Bharathi** **W/o A C Dhanashakar,** **No. 1,2,3,4 & 5 are at :** No 187,1st Cross, Ist Main, Lower Palace Orchards, Bengaluru – 560003. **6. Sri D Ranganna S/o D Narayanamurthy** No. 63, 2nd Cross Gavipuram Extension Bengaluru – 560019. **7.Sri Raheja P R S/o Late J L Raheja** No. 142, Embassy Heritage 8th Main Malleshwaram Bengaluru – 560055 . **8. Sri . Sheshachalam A** **S/o Late A Venkata Rao** No. 116,2nd Cross, HAL III stage, Bengaluru. **9. Smt N Shalini W/o Late AC Sudhakar** House No 1564, 29th Cross Banashankari II Stage Bengaluru – 560070 **10. Sri Raghupathi R S/o Late G Ramakrishnan,** No. 106/21**"Sai Anugraha"** 11th 'B' Cross, 11th Main Road, Malleshwaram Bengaluru 560003 . **11. Ms. AS Kanikka D/o Late AC Sudhakar** House No 1564, 29th Cross Banashankari II Stage Bengaluru – 560070. **12. Sri A S Shreyas S/o Late AC Sudhakar** House No 1564, 29th Cross Banashankari II Stage Bengaluru – 560070 **13. Smt A C Geetha D/o Late B S Channappa W/o M Nagaraju,** No 487, A & B Block peacock Street Mysuru – 570023 **14. Smt S C Sujatha S/o Late B S Channappa W/o AS Nagesh,** No 74, Gurukrua 13th Main Hanumanthanagar Bengaluru – 560050 **15. Smt SC Suneetha D/o Late B S Channappa W/o Dr. C Puttamadappa,** No 19-G1, Sieravillage Near B R Ambedkar Dental College Clive Road Cook Town Bengaluru – 560005 **16. Smt AC Lakshmi D/o Late BS Channappa W/o Dr Jayaprakash,** No 1192,18th Main 5th Block, Rajajinagar Bengaluru - 560010.	All piece and parcel of the immovable residential flat bearing No G 106/B in B Block in the apartment named 'SIERRA SYLLABLE' situated at Sy No 213/2 CMC No. 149/A, 161, 162/A and 162/B Kodigehalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk in the name of Sierra Constructions having a super built up area of 1222 Sq ft and undivided share of 456 Sq ft with one car parking. Owner of the property: M Anand Coordinates of the property **Latitude- 13.0644564N** **Longitude- 77.5745634E**	**Rs. 30,01,19,019.57/-** as on **27.02.2025** plus further interest and cost thereon	**a) ₹ 44.59** **b) ₹ 4.46** **c) ₹ 1.00**	**13.03.2025 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM.** with Prior Appointment with The Authorized Officer
		All piece and parcel of the immovable residential flat bearing No S 106/B in B Block in the apartment named 'SIERRA SYLLABLE' situated at Sy No 213/2 CMC No. 149/A, 161, 162/A and 162/B Kodigehalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk in the name of Sierra Constructions having a super built up area of 1222 Sq ft and undivided share of 456 Sq ft with one car parking. Owner of the property: M Anand Coordinates of the property **Latitude- 13.0644564N** **Longitude- 77.5745634E**		**a) ₹ 44.59** **b) ₹ 4.46** **c) ₹ 1.00**	

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.08025310066, 9627872626,7483935007,9538406090 and 9598559920 during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 28.02.2025

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शुद्धि पत्र

RFP No. 01/2025
Ref. No. PR No. 347263 dt. 25.02.2025

एतत् द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि Selection of consultancy firm as PMU to Assist Principal Chief Conservatpr of Forest (HOFF) संबंधी RFP No. 01/2025 के लिए तकनीकी बीड खोलने हेतु दिनांक 18.03.2025 को निर्धारित है। दिनांक 18.03.2025 को ही अपराह्न 2.00 बजे Technical Presentation हेतु समय निर्धारित की गई है।

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PR 347458 Forest, Environment and Climate Changes(24-25)#D

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शुद्धि–पत्र

1.इस कार्यालय द्वारा प्रकाशित शुद्धि पत्र जिसका PR 347232 (Rural Work Depatment) (24-25):D समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित हुआ है अल्पकालीन ई0–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं0 12/2024-25/RI/RWD/EE/GODDA दिनांक 24.02.2024 के स्थान पर अल्पकालीन ई0–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं0 12/2024-25/RI/RWD/EE/GODDA दिनांक 24.02.2025 एवं बेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि 28.02.2024 के जगह 28.02.2025 पढ़ा जाय।

अन्य शेष शर्ते पूर्ववत रहेगें।

कार्यपालक अभिंयता,
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PR 347344 Rural Work Department(24-25).D

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients are intended to purchase the immovable property described in the "B" Schedule below from Sri.ANIL KUMAR.J, S/o Sri. D.H.Jagannath, (i.e., Owner for the sake of brevity) and the said Owner has represented that he had purchased the Immovable Property being of the North side portion of the Schedule "A" Property bearing Old No.202-C, Municipal No.1, BBMP PID No.60-150-1, after bifurcation and now bearing Residential **Property No.202/C/1/1, E-PID No.7788521778,** situated at 6th "B" Main Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 011, BBMP Ward No & Name:No.168 – Pattabhiramanagar, Measuring East to West : 40 feet (12.19 Meters) and North to South : 30 feet (9.14 meters), totally measuring: 1200 Square feet, from its erstwhile owners i.e., Smt.Indira.K.Devadas, D/o Late H.Kariyappa and others, under an Absolute Sale Deed dated 01.09.2021, registered as **Document No.3124/2021-22** of Book-I, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore and constructed a residential house thereto, which more-fully described in the schedule hereinbelow and hereinafter referred to as the S**CHEDULE "B" PROPERTY** and further represented that he is well seized, possessed and is perfectly entitled to deal with the Schedule "B" Property as ABSOLUTE OWNER free from all claims, encumbrance/s and litigation/s etc.,

Any person / institution having any right, title, share, claim or interest of any nature in the Schedule "B" Property or any objections of any manner whatsoever to the above sale transaction between my clients and the aforesaid owner, is/are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file written objections/claims along-with supporting documents within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. If no such claim/s is/are received, it would be deemed that the above-mentioned owner has a valid, clear and marketable title to the Schedule "B" Property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and /or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY
(Description of entire property)

ALL THAT PIECE and PARCEL of the Immovable Property being Residential House property alongwith vacant space bearing **Old No.202/C, Present Municipal No.1,** BBMP PID No.60-150-1, situated at **6th "B" Main Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 011,** measuring East to West : **40 feet** and North to South : **70 feet**, totally measuring **2800 square feet,** comprising two floors and bounded on;

East by : No.202/2, Private Property, West by : Road, North by : No.202/G, Private Property and South by : No.202/D, Private Property.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY
(Property hereby agreed to convey in favour of purchasers)

ALL THAT PIECE and PARCEL of the Immovable Property being of the North side portion of the Schedule "A" Property bearing Old No.202-C, Municipal No.1, BBMP PID No.60-150-1, after bifurcation and now bearing Residential **Property No.202/C/1/1, E-PID No.7788521778,** situated at 6th "B" Main Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 011, BBMP Ward No & Name:No.168 – Pattabhiramanagar, Measuring East to West : **40 feet** (12.19 Meters) and North to South: **30 feet** (9.14 meters), Totally measuring : **1200 Square feet** (111.48 Square Meters) Bounded on the :

East by : No.202/2, Private Property, West by : Road, North by : No.202/G, Private Property and South by : Remaining Portion of the same property retained with the Vendors.

Along-with Residential Building with structures standing thereon comprised of **Ground Floor** with 1099.998 square feet (i.e.,102.1933 Sq.mtr) of built up area with Marble flooring and **First Floor** with 1099.998 square feet (i.e.,102.1933 Sq.mtr) of built up area with Vitrified Tile flooring and **Second Floor** with 1099.998 square feet (i.e.,102.1933 Sq.mtr) of built up area with Vitrified Tile flooring and **Third Floor** with 1099.998 square feet (i.e.,102.1933 Sq.mtr) of built up area with Vitrified Tile flooring and Terrace Area constructed with R.C.C. Roof, Honne wood doors and windows, with furniture/s, fittings and fixtures including civic amenities i.e., water, electricity and sanitary connections along-with sump with electric motor, overhead water tank, staircase etc.,, and enclosed by a compound wall fitted with an iron gate.

P.MANJUNATH, ADVOCATE
HM LEGAL, Office at No.24/10, 1st Floor, Haudin Road, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560 042,
Mobile: 9945036969 (Timings: 11.00 AM to 08.00 P.M)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sri. VINOD .H, S/o. Sri. Hanumantha rayappa .K and his wife Smt. HEMALATHA .N .D, are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner SRI. RAMESH .K, S/o. Sri. Kothandaraman @ Kodhandaraman, Residing at No.49, Thikshitha Nilaya, Hosur Road, Behind HDFC Bank G B Palya, Opposite Mercedes Benz, VTC Bangalore South, Bangalore – 560099.

If any persons, banks, financial institutions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

SOUTHERN PORTION of Residential property bearing Site No.85 & 92, Assessment No. 194, V P Khata No.443/B, present BBMP Assessment / property No.322/443/B/85&92 of Form-B, PID No. 7782424644, measuring East to West : 40 Feet (12.19 Mtrs.,) and North to South 20 Feet (6.1 Mtrs.), in all measuring 800 Sq. Feet (74.32 square meters) is formed in the land bearing Sy. No. 194, Building constructed thereon, consisting Ground Floor measuring 700 Sq. Ft. and 1st Floor, Second, Third and Forth Floor each measuring 725 Sq. Ft. in total 3600 Sq. Ft. (334.450944 Sq. Mtrs.) with RCC Roof and Granit Flooring, with normal Wood Doors and UPVC Windows, situated at BBMP corporation Ward No. 192 Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on : East by : Road, West by: Property Nos. 86, 91 & 98, North by: Remaining Portion of same property No. 85 & 92,South by: Property No.97,

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates, #1010, 2nd Floor, 7th A Main Road, 1st Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034, Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
Bangalore, Date : 01-03-2025

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No.: Y/E.29/2024-25/91
Dated: 20.02.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Provision of Auxiliary Transformer for Interlocked LC gates in Mysuru Division - GSU Work.	Rs. 79,91,283.48

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 14.03.2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction/ Mysuru

PUB/812/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे

ई–ऑक्शन आमंत्रित करने की सूचना

No. - Comml/E-auction/2025/06 Date: 26.02.2025

उक्त के सन्दर्भ में विभिन्न गाड़ियों में एसएलआर के ठेके हेतु ई–ऑक्शन आमंत्रित की गई है। कैटलॉग IREPS वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित किए जा चुके हैं। **कार्य का नाम:** जोधपुर मंडल से संचालित गाड़ियों के एसएलआर लीजिंग में स्थान लीज पर माल पार्सल की लोडिंग हेतु ई–ऑक्शन, **कार्य की अवधि:** एसएलआर और वीपीयू लीजिंग 2 वर्ष, **लॉट के ई–ऑक्शन प्रारंभ की तिथि व समय:** SLRs: (1) Parcel-JU-92 दिनांक 17.03.25 को 11:00 बजे से, **वेबसाइट जहाँ से लॉट वाइज ई–ऑक्शन के सम्बन्ध में जानकारी प्राप्त की जा सकती है:** www.ireps.gov.in

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Divl. Rly. Manager, N.W.Rly. Bikaner for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works up to 15.00 hours on 24.03.2025 as below:- **Tender No.:225, Name of Work with its Location:** Through Turnout Renewal works for 30 turnouts (1:12) in C/W Bhiwani Dobh Bhali doubling project under ADEN/Bhiwani, **Approx. Cost of Work:** ₹ 4200130.68, **Earnest Money:** ₹84000.00, **Tender No.:** 226, **Name of Work with its Location:** Raising of retaining wall, repair to road surface and repair to covering shed of RUB 127A, water seepage treatment of RUB -125-1A, 144A and 120A in RE-BTI section under ADEN/Bhiwani, **Approx. Cost of Work:** ₹27303248.23, **Earnest Money:** ₹286500.00, **Tender No.:** 227, **Name of Work with its Location:** Replacement of damaged/missing boundary post in Rewari-Sadulpur, Rewari-Hansi & Rohtak-Bhiwani sections Under ADEN/Bhiwani, **Approx. Cost of Work:** ₹ 1889926.86, **Earnest Money:** ₹37800.00. **Note:** Other terms & conditions will be shown on the website www.ireps.gov.in

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ई–अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई–निविदा सं0 :–**22/R1/2024-25/RWD/EE/GIRIDIH** दिनांक :– 27.02.2025 ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह द्वारा निम्नविवरण के अनुसार e-procurment पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

1. कार्य का नाम :–

क्र0 सं0	आईडेन्टीफिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपया में) अंक में	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपया में) अक्षर में	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	टेंडर कॉल संख्या
1.	RWD/GIRIDIH/STPKG/39/2024-25	(i) एल050–एल022 से झलकडीहा तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–1.040 कि0मी0) (ii) खोरीमहुआ–सरिया पथ से सखईटाँड़ तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–1.790 कि0मी0) (iii) एल048–टी03 से हलुईया तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–1.215 कि0मी0) (iv) एल045–घोरथम्भा–ईटाशानी पथ से कटरियाटाँड़ तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–1.520 कि0मी0) (v) एल051–टी02 से सियारी तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–1.470 कि0मी0) (vi) टी02 जमरीडीह तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–2.000 कि0मी0) (vii) पी0डब्लू0डी0 रोड ओरागो से मरगोडा तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–2.060 कि0मी0) (viii) एल022 कोराडीह परसन रोड खिजरसोता से दरियाडीह तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–5.230 कि0मी0)	10,67,52,900.00	दस करोड़ सड़सठ लाख बावन हजार नौ सौ रू0 मात्र	15 माह	द्वितीय

2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:– 03.03.2025
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:– 12.03.2025 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:– 15.03.2025 अपराह्न 3.30 बजे।
5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम एवं पता:– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह, तृतीय तल्ला, नया समाहरणालय भवन, पपरवाटांड़, गिरिडीह, झारखण्ड – 815301
6. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0– 06532–225381
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd,** the constructive/ physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 15.03.2025** for recovery of **Rs. 2,61,01,626.42/-** (Rupees Two Crore Sixty-One Lakhs One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Six and Paisa Forty-Two Only) due to "The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd", Secured Creditor from **(1) Mr. Mohan Rao B,** S/o. Sri. Venkata Krishna and **(2) Mrs. Jyothi. M,** W/o. Mohan Rao B, **both residing at** No.61, Jayanna House, 8th Main, 1st Cross, Hosur Main Road, Hosapalaya, Bangalore-560068.

The reserve price Schedule- A Property is **Rs. 72,00,000 /-** (Rupees Seventy-Two lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.7,20,000/-** (Rupees Seven Lakhs Twenty Thousand only).

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule A : Apartment/Residential Unit **No.180/30D** also known as unit II, (presently bearing E Khata No. 180/30D, SL No. 150200102701020743), on the Second floor of **Vaishnavi Anantya,** formed in Sy No 119/2, duly converted vide Order No. ALN (A) (SH) SR 98A/2011-12 being constructed on Schedule A property in the terms of Sanction Plan and rectified order vide LAO 91/11-12 dated 10.02.2012, situated at S. Medahalli Village, Handenahalli Village Panchayath, Sarjapura hobli, Anekal Taluk, measuring **2762.79 sq feet** of super buildup area & **1258.85 sq feet** of UDS and bounded on the: East By: Flat No. 180/29, West By: Passage and Indus International School Building, North By: Road and South By: Passage and Flat No. 180/28D.

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Statutory 15 days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

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Date : 27.02.2025 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**

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The reserve price Schedule- A Property is **Rs 72,00,000 /- (Rupees Seventy-Two Lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.7,20,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Twenty Thousand only).**

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Entire Residential Built up at Site No: K.No. 1110/1110/45, Sy No:45, Karenahalli Village, 11th Division 2nd ward, Doddaballapur Town and Taluk, approximately measuring 31 x 39 sft with an approximate plinth area of 759 sft each in ground, 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors and bounded by: East By: House of D Kullayappa, West By : House of Anitha, North By: Road, South By : Site of Basavarajappa.

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State to draft policy to withdraw substandard medicines from market

Software with details of retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, and their authorised agents being developed to trace the stocks of such drugs at every stage, says Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the absence of an effective centralised system to recall spurious drugs from the market, the Health Department is all set to come out with a drug recall policy, said Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Friday.

The State recently raised the issue with the Centre after nine injectable drugs manufactured outside Karnataka failed the sterility test in government labs between January 1 and February 16, 2025.

The Minister told pressmen here that the department was working on developing a software with details of retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, and their authorised agents to trace the available stocks of 'not of standard quality' (NSQ) drugs at every stage, which would be implemented very soon.

"Although the Health Department can immediately withdraw such contaminated drugs from its hospitals, there is no system in place as of now to recall them from the private sector. In the absence of a Central drug recall policy, we are working on a State-level policy to ensure that any drug that fails the sterility test in government labs can be recalled from the market and returned to the company immediately. This will prevent instances of patients being administered substandard medicine in both government and private hospitals," Mr. Rao said.

Drugs worth over ₹17 lakh found to be not of standard quality following tests were recalled from market in the last two months.
GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

NSQ drugs

Sharing the details of drugs that were tested in government laboratories and found to be NSQ, the Minister said a special drive was conducted and such drugs worth over ₹17 lakh were recalled from market in the last two months. Besides, 75 cases have been filed under the violation of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

Stating that a special drive was conducted in January to prevent misuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, Mr. Rao said, "Sale of such drugs in 488 medical stores was investigated and show-cause notices were issued to 400 stores for violating rules. While 231 licences were suspended, three licences were cancelled," he said.

Similarly, a two-day special drive conducted from February 17 to check the misuse and sale of antibiotics in medical stores revealed that 52 stores sold antibiotics without prescription.

Food safety

Of the total of 3,608 samples of food items collected by food safety officials for analysis in January, as many as 26 samples have been declared unsafe for human consumption and 28 have been found to be of poor quality.

Pointing out that there had been a reduction in the amount of artificial colours used in baking cakes after the department sensitised and warned bakeries against the use of harmful chemicals and colouring agents, the Minister said, "In August 2024, 295 samples of cakes across the State were collected and analysed. Of these, 12 samples (4.06%) revealed the presence of artificial colours."

Crackdown on bottled water units

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Food Safety Department is also cracking down on bottled water units. Officials collected samples of 288 brands of bottled water for analysis in February. The laboratory analysis of the samples is under progress, said Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Friday.

"Likewise, as many as 106 samples of fried green peas had been collected to test the presence of artificial colours. Of the 31 samples for which testing has been completed, 26 were found to be unsafe for consumption," the Minister said.

Reports indicate Centre may seek reduction in State's tax share: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Reports indicate that the Union government is preparing to recommend reducing Karnataka's tax share from 41% to 40% through the Finance Commission, said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said in a statement.

"The Union government's attempt to further reduce Karnataka's rightful share of tax revenue is not just anti-Karnataka but also a direct attack on the federal structure enshrined in the Constitution," he said, alleging that since Narendra Modi took office as Prime Minister, the Centre's policies have "consistently curtailed and weakened the constitutional rights of States".

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"The Finance Commission, which is responsible for fair distribution of tax revenue collected by States, is now being used as a tool to suppress States' rights. This is a dangerous trend, pushing states into a dependent position where they must rely on the Centre's discretion – a move we cannot accept," he said.

Every year, the Karnataka government remits approximately ₹4 lakh crore to the Union government. However, the State receives back only 15 paise per rupee. Due to the 15th Finance Commission reducing Karnataka's tax share from 4.713% to 3.64%, the State lost ₹68,775 crore over the past five years, he said.

He reiterated several issues related to tax devolution he has repeatedly raised – including not paying ₹5,495 crore of special grants recommended by the 15th Finance Commission, reduction in grants for urban local bodies, slashing of health grants and SDRF grants, and not sharing revenue collected from cess and surcharges with the States.

'Ready to protest'

Appealing to the Centre against the purported move to reduce tax share, he said, "If appeals and negotiations fail, we will not hesitate to take to the streets and fight alongside the people."

BJP delegation demands ₹15,000-crore grant for Bengaluru development

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of the presentation of the State Budget by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, a delegation of BJP legislators and MPs from Bengaluru met him on Friday and sought a special grant of around ₹15,000 crore for the city's infrastructure development.

The delegation, led by BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra, demanded that all the MLAs in Bengaluru cutting across party affiliations should get a grant of ₹150 crore each for the MLA's local area development.

A delegation of BJP leaders, led by State president B.Y. Vijayendra, met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and submitted a memorandum seeking more funds for Bengaluru in the State Budget, on Friday.

Revenue generation

In the memorandum submitted, the delegation maintained that the present level of development grants being given to Bengaluru city was not in tune with its contribution to the revenue collection as it accounted for nearly 60% of the total revenues to the State.

The delegation expressed concern that though the government had repeatedly said it would lay emphasis on the development of Bengaluru and 'Brand Bengaluru', it was yet to be translated into action owing to the paucity of funds. In fact, no major development work had commenced in Bengaluru due to the shortage of development grants ever since the Congress came to power in the State, the delegation alleged.

Delegation appeals to the Chief Minister to take up construction of 100 vehicle parking complexes in different areas of the city

The delegation particularly appealed to the Chief Minister to take up the construction of 100 vehicle parking complexes in different areas of the city as parking problem was bound to become serious in the coming years, affecting the vehicular movement.

Expressing concern that it had become difficult to ensure a smooth travel to the Kempegowda International Airport owing to the high volume of traffic on the main road linking the city with the airport, the delegation suggested to the government to take swift measures to develop alternative roads through Bagalur and Begur to link the airport.

On metro fare

Meanwhile, a communique from the Chief Minister's Office said Mr. Siddaramaiah responded to the request for further decreasing the Namma Metro fares by pointing out that the State government had already written to the Centre and metro authorities to roll back the "unscientific" hike.

Community's demands

A delegation of the Christian community, led by Energy Minister K.J. George, also called on the Chief Minister on Friday and demanded allocation of more funds in the Budget.

They demanded higher allocation for the community for the management of education and health institutions and community development works, according to a press release here.

Suresh's meeting with Satish raises eyebrows

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

D.K. Suresh, former MP and brother of KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, called on Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi in Bengaluru, triggering speculation.

This comes at a time when a group of Ministers loyal to Chief Minister Siddarmaiah, including Mr. Jarkiholi, have been seeking replacement of Mr. Shivakumar as KPCC president.

D.K. Suresh (right), former MP, called on Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi in Bengaluru on Friday.

Mr. Suresh, however, claimed he met the Minister to discuss development issues related to Ramanagara.

Mr. Suresh claimed there was no need to read too much into his meeting. "I regularly meet him. Mr. Jarkiholi is our party leader and an influential Minister. When we meet our own party leaders, we discuss party affairs and development works," Mr. Suresh told media persons after the meeting. Mr. Jarkiholi also downplayed the significance of the meeting and said, "There is nothing special in the meeting. We, anyway, stand united as partymen."

Governor returns two cooperative Bills

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has returned two cooperative Bills to the State government, requesting reconsideration and modifications before they are resubmitted.

The Governor has deemed the government's previous clarifications on the Karnataka Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2024, and the Karnataka Souharda Sahakari (Amendment) Bill, 2024, as "not satisfactory".

The cooperative societies Bill aims to amend the Karnataka Cooperative Societies Act, 1959. Major provisions of the Bill included increasing government nominations on the boards of higher cooperative bodies, such as the State's apex bank, to three. These nominations are designated for members from SCs and STs, women, and individuals from the general category. This amendment will expand the board of directors of the apex bank from 22 to 25 members, which would enhance the government's influence in the decision-making processes. Mr. Gehlot's objections were directed at the provision granting voting rights to all nominated members. He stated that granting of voting rights to all nominated members was not the right course of action, as control of the society would be taken by them. The Governor opined that "this is not a democratically sound move as the rights of elected members will be taken away through the backdoor efforts".

Further, concerns were expressed regarding the proposal to abolish cooperative election authorities, with independent and fair elections deemed essential despite financial burden concerns.

The souharda Bill proposes changes to the Karnataka Souharda Sahakari Act, 1997. It aims to amend definitions, adjust voting rights, refine election procedures, and modify the management structures of cooperative societies. It aims to introduce provisions to grant voting rights to all members, including defaulters, and reservations in the boards of secondary cooperatives, federal cooperatives, and apex cooperatives.

The Governor said, "Instead of giving voting rights to all the defaulters, a proper method should be brought in to prevent them from voting." The Governor said the proposal on the abolition of cooperative election authorities on the grounds of financial burden was not proper in the interest of independent and fair conduct of elections of cooperative societies. The Budget session of the legislature is likely to introduce changes in the two Bills.

BJP backs Mohandas Pai

The Hindu Bureau
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The BJP has taken exception to the Congress government launching a counter-attack at industrialist Mohandas Pai for his critical remarks on Bengaluru's infrastructure and suggested that it should emulate former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who had taken corrective measures after being criticised by him.

Taking to social media platform X, BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra on Friday alleged that the relentless tirade by the Congress Ministers against Mr. Pai is a glaring testament to the "authoritarian nature of this government – one that outrightly dismisses any viewpoint that challenges its actions or policies".

He claimed Mr. Yediyurappa, his father and the then Chief Minister had responded as a true statesman despite facing public criticism from Mr. Pai on certain issues. Mr. Yediyurappa had personally reached out to Mr. Pai, seeking his inputs, and used the feedback to improve governance, he said, while pointing out that the industrialist himself had publicly acknowledged and appreciated this gesture.

Meanwhile, BJP Rajya Sabha member Lahar Singh Siroya accused IT and BT Minister Priyank Kharge and the Congress of consistently spreading negativity and failing to accept criticism constructively.

Protest against 'diversion' of SCSP/TSP funds

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Members of the Samajika Nyayakkagi Parishishta Jathigala Okkoota, State committee, staged a protest at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Friday, in response to the alleged decision of the State government's decision to divert funds allocated for the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) to implement the five guarantee schemes.

Allocation of 30% of SCSP/TSP funds for primary and higher education sought

Basavaraj Koutal, State general secretary, condemned the government's move and demanded that the SCSP/TSP funds should not be used for these schemes.

The protesters raised several key demands, including the allocation of 30% of the SCSP/TSP funds for primary and higher education, along with residential education facilities.

Additionally, they called for the inclusion of contract pourakarmikas and garbage collectors under the Death-cum-Retirement Benefit Scheme and the provision of essential facilities for these workers.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Town Municipal Council, Hallikhed(B)

No. TMCH/SWM/CR- /2024-25 Date: 27-02-2025

TENDER NOTIFCATION

1) Name of work: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT30619/CALL-2 Comprehensive development of land fill site (Solid waste management) under swatchha Bharat Mission in Hallikhed.B 2) Estimated cost: KPPP-Portal ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದಂತೆ. 3) Eligibility of Agency/ Consultant: KPPP-Portal ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದಂತೆ. 4) EMD amount: KPPP-Portal ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದಂತೆ. 5) Last date for submission of tender: 15-03-2025 4:00 PM, 6) Technical bid opening: 17-03-2025 4:30 PM, 7) Address for communication Chief Officer, TMC Hallikhed(B) Email : itstaff_ulb_hallikhedab@yahoo.com, 8) Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/

DIPR/Bidar/427/KSMC&A/2024-25

Sd/- Chief Officer,
TMC Hallikhed(B)

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

E M BALASAMY (77), Retired Senior Engineer (Composing), The Hindu , Chennai passed away on 28/02/2025. Address: Q block, No 27, MMDA Colony, Arumbakkam, Chennai - 600106. Contact: 9941423333

P K KURIEN (78yrs), Retired Deputy Editor, The Hindu, Hyderabad passed away on 27- February - 2025. Address: Flat No:304, Central Park Apartments I, 7-1-217. Nature Cure Hospital Road, Ameerpet, Hyderabad - 500016. Ct: 99086 07000.

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ISRO's Aditya-L1 mission unlocks solar flare secrets with new image

SUIT payload of the mission observed an X6.3-class solar flare in lower solar atmosphere and captured its first-ever image, says ISRO; this is a major step towards understanding the Sun's explosive activity and its impact on earth, adds the agency

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

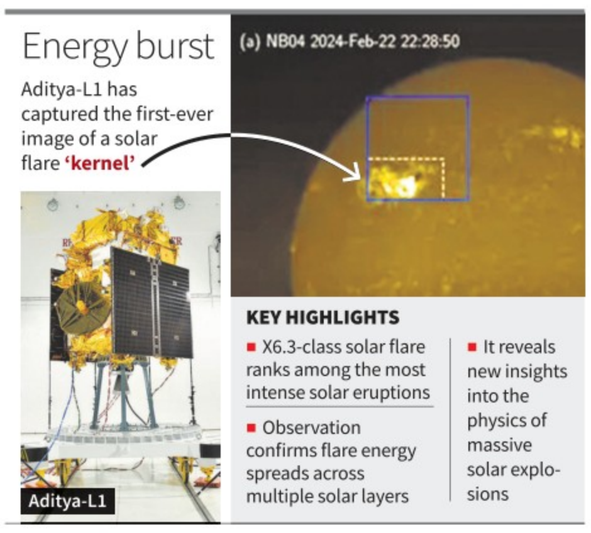
India's first dedicated space based solar mission, Aditya-L1, has made a ground-breaking observation as one of its scientific payloads has captured the first-ever image of a solar flare 'kernel'.

The Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT) payload has captured the image in the lower solar atmosphere – the photosphere and chromosphere.

ISRO said that this observation and associated scientific results mark a major step towards understanding the Sun's explosive activity and its impact on Earth.

According to ISRO, "On February 22, 2025, the SUIT payload onboard Aditya-L1 observed an X6.3-class solar flare, which is one of the most intense categories of solar eruptions. The unique feature of this observation was that SUIT detected brightening in the Near Ultra Violet (NUV) wavelength range (200-400 nm) – a wavelength range never observed before in such greater detail".

The space agency added that these observations confirm that the energy released from the flare spread through different layers of the Sun's atmosphere. This provides new insights into the complex physics responsible for these massive



solar explosions, according to the space agency.

One of the most exciting revelations in this observation is that the localised brightening captured in the lower solar atmosphere corresponds directly with an increase in the temperature of plasma in the solar corona at the top of the solar atmosphere.

According to ISRO "This confirms the linkage between flare energy deposition and associated temperature evolution. This finding also validates long-standing theories while offering new data that will help to reshape our understanding of physics of solar flare".

The Aditya-L1 mission was launched on September 2, 2023. On January 6, 2024, the spacecraft was successfully placed in a large halo orbit around first Earth-Sun Lagrange Point, known as Lagrange Point L1.

Airport in Telangana's Warangal gets Centre's nod

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Minister for Civil Aviation Ram Mohan Naidu reviewed and approved a no objection certificate (NoC) for airport development in the vicinity of Hyderabad International Airport paving the way for expansion of Mamnoor Airport in Warangal, Telangana.

The Minister's green light follows the one-time waiver of the exclusivity clause and a NOC from GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL).

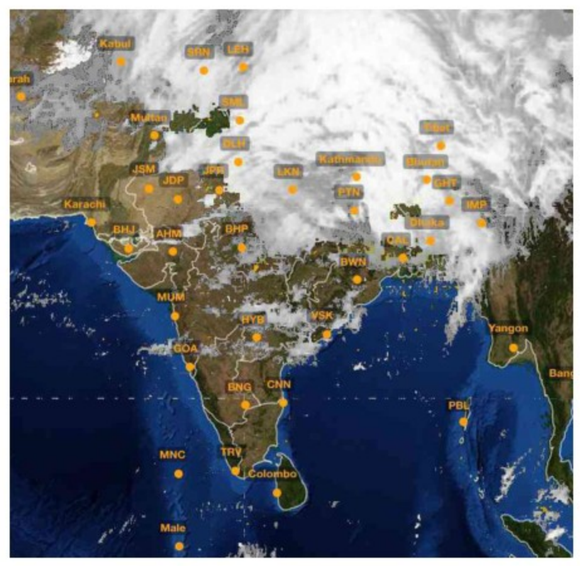
Clause 5.2 in the Concession Agreement signed between the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation and Hyderabad International Airport prohibits development of new or existing airport within an aerial distance of 150 km before the 25th anniversary of the airport opening date. The agreement was signed in December, 2004. The NOC, however, applies solely to Mamnoor Airport and will not affect future projects within the exclusivity zone, according to a statement from the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

CM's letter

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in a letter dated November 5, 2024, reiterated the State's support for the airport's development under the UDAN scheme, in collaboration with the Airports Authority of India. The airport is capable of handling Airbus 320 and Boeing 737 category aircraft.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.1	17.5	Kozhikode	—	36.3	25.4
Ahmedabad	—	36.6	20.6	Kurnool	—	36.8	22.3
Aizawl	—	29.4	12.2	Lucknow	—	30.5	18.2
Allahabad	—	30.3	16.2	Madurai	—	33.6	24.4
Bengaluru	—	32.0	18.5	Mangaluru	—	36.4	23.3
Bhopal	—	34.3	18.8	Mumbai	—	35.3	22.8
Bhubaneswar	—	34.0	20.2	Mysuru	—	33.0	19.4
Chandigarh	11	22.0	15.3	New Delhi	—	27.0	18.4
Chennai	—	34.1	24.1	Patna	—	29.1	18.9
Coimbatore	—	34.3	21.6	Port Blair	—	31.6	26.6
Dehradun	21	19.2	13.3	Puducherry	—	31.8	24.3
Gangtok	5	11.2	8.8	Pune	—	37.3	21.3
Goa	—	36.0	25.0	Raipur	—	36.6	19.1
Guwahati	—	31.0	16.0	Ranchi	—	31.2	15.0
Hubballi	—	35.0	20.0	Shillong	—	18.0	8.0
Hyderabad	—	33.1	21.0	Shimla	54.5	8.0	5.2
Imphal	—	26.4	16.9	Srinagar	31	6.4	—
Jaipur	—	27.4	19.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	36.0	25.8
Kochi	—	34.0	25.6	Tiruchi	—	31.7	24.4
Kohima	—	20.8	9.6	Vijayawada	—	34.4	23.6
Kolkata	—	31.8	21.5	Visakhapatnam	—	33.1	23.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

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Hyderabad	...7	122	35	... 116	...138	
Kolkata	.13	..44	10	... 164	...140	
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Mumbai	.36	..65	52	... 216	...199	
Pune	.17	132	56	... 192	...143	
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Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Hajipur, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 305 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

A.P. govt. presents Budget with ₹3.2 lakh crore outlay

G.V.R. Subba Rao
VIJAYAWADA

The Andhra Pradesh government on Friday presented the Budget for the financial year 2025-26 with a total outlay of ₹3,22,359 crore. Of this, revenue expenditure is estimated at ₹2,51,162 crore, and capital expenditure at ₹40,635 crore.

Presenting the Budget in the Assembly, Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav said that the estimated revenue deficit was around ₹33,185 crore and the fiscal deficit around ₹79,926 crore constituting 1.82% and 4.38% respectively of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).

The Finance Minister said that the government was ready to start the Amaravati project on a grand scale. The aim is not only at developing Amaravati as a city but also as a growth engine leading the development of State, Mr. Keshav said. An amount of ₹6,000 crore is shown as allocation for the project.

The government also made a mention of the Godavari-Banakacherla project, an ambitious intra-linking of rivers initiative, but there was no specific mention of funds allocated to it. However, an allocation of ₹6,705 crore for the Polavaram Irrigation Project was made in the Budget.

SLBC tunnel rescue efforts in final stages

B. Chandrashekhar
HYDERABAD

The operation to trace the eight persons trapped about 14 km inside the Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel since last Saturday reached its final stages on Friday evening with the agencies involved speeding up removal of the debris of the tunnel boring machine and silt accumulated in the tunnel.

According to sources, a ground probing radar study taken up by the members of the National Geophysical Research Institute traced soft material under the debris near the end of the tunnel but could not confirm its origin.

Officials of the irrigation department said the debris removal work was going forward in three shifts and expressed hope that they could soon reach the exact spot where the eight workers are trapped.

'Right to leave encashment cannot be denied to employee dismissed from service unless law permits forfeiture'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The right to leave encashment is like the right to property, earned by an employee, and leave encashment cannot be denied even to an employee dismissed from service on the charge of misconduct, including those working in gramin banks, unless the law permits forfeiture, the High Court of Karnataka has said.

"The leave encashment is a right of an employee not only under the statute, even under the fountainhead of all statutes – the Constitution of India," the court said while clarifying that the right to encashment could only be curtailed by another statutory

provision empowering the employer to forfeit or withhold it.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while allowing a petition filed by G. Linganagouda, who has been dismissed from service by his employer, Pragathi Krishna Gramina Bank, Kampli, in Hosapete taluk of Vijayanagara district.

The petitioner had questioned the decision of the bank, which had rejected his plea for encashment of his 220 days of privilege leave. The bank, citing its service regulation of 2013, had said that its Regulation 67 would not permit payment of leave encashment to an employee who has been dismissed from service.

Statutory right

"Benefit of leave encashment to an employee is a statutory right, but it has an imprimatur to the legal principle that the right to receive terminal benefits is recognised as a right to property as per Article 300A of the Constitution of India," the High Court said.

Citing interpretation of similar service regulations in the gramin banks by the Bombay High Court and the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Mr. Justice Nagaprasanna pointed out that both these High Courts have held that the privilege leave available to the employee is akin to the property under Article 300A of the Constitution and therefore cannot be taken away unless the statute so permits.

The court said that though Regulation 67 states that all leave shall lapse when an employee ceases to be in employment of the bank by any mode, it does not mean the right already accrued for encashment would lapse.

'One-Day Annadanam Donation' scheme launched

The Hindu Bureau
TIRUMALA

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) SV Annadanam Trust has launched a 'One-Day Annadanam Donation Scheme'.

The scheme gives devotees an opportunity to sponsor the expenses involved in providing free food to the devotees at its Nitya Annadanam Complex in Tirumala.

The donation can be made either in the name of the donor or in the memory of any of their beloved ones. Desirous devotees can take part in the noble initiative by contributing ₹44 lakh which includes providing breakfast, lunch and dinner to pilgrims for an entire day. While ₹10 lakh will be utilised for breakfast, ₹17 lakh will be utilised for lunch and ₹17 lakh for dinner.

Thiruvananthapuram mass murder accused reveals his motive behind act

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The 23-year-old mass murder accused in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram revealed horrifying details of the killings and his motive while the police recorded his arrest on Thursday.

The accused, Affan, had confessed to the police of allegedly murdering his brother Ahsan, grandmother Salma Beevi, uncle Latheef and aunt Shahida. He had also purportedly murdered his girlfriend Farsana and grievously injured his mother, Shemeena, who continues to recuperate at a private hospital in Venjaramoodu.

The police say that while Affan reiterated that the family had initially considered the possibility of mass suicide, he later decided to murder his mother after fearing she might back out. He resented his uncle Latheef's constant criticism and targeted him, though he had not planned to harm Shahida.

Affan decided to murder his grandmother since she frequently blamed his mother for his father being abroad. Before murdering his girlfriend Farsana, he allegedly revealed details of the prior murders to her, he told the police.

Meanwhile, Affan's father, Abdul Raheem, arrived in Kerala from Saudi Arabia on Friday, after seven years. Mr. Raheem, who had been unable to travel due to an expired permit, was helped by social activists to complete the formalities and return home.

Upon his arrival, Mr. Raheem first visited his wife at the hospital.

A relative, who accompanied him, said Ms. Shemeena held her husband's hand and enquired about their sons.

"Shemeena has been told that Ahsan is safe in an uncle's house. We have not informed her about the murders [that had occurred after the attack on her]," he added. She apparently remained firm on her statement that she sustained the injuries after falling from the bed.

Mr. Raheem then travelled to his ancestral home in Thazhe Pangode, where Affan had allegedly murdered Salma Beevi. He was emotionally received by his sisters and other relatives.

They accompanied him to the mosque where the victims had been buried.

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Turning point

In Bihar, the BJP is now clearly the senior partner in the alliance with JD(U)

The expansion of the Bihar Council of Ministers – seven new members, all from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), have been inducted – is the clearest public statement that the party wants to rewrite its terms of engagement with its partner, the Janata Dal (United), or the JD(U). The BJP now has 21 of 36 cabinet positions, while the JD(U) has 13, including Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) has one Minister while the remaining post is an independent. With the Assembly elections only a few months away, the BJP has made it clear to the JD(U) that it will now act as the senior partner of the alliance. The expansion was after Mr. Kumar's meeting with BJP president J.P. Nadda and the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the State, marking an early beginning of the election campaign in his characteristic style. The Assembly election in 2020 was a turning point. The JD(U) contested 115 seats but won only 43, while the BJP won 74 out of the 110 seats it contested. The partners flipped their positions within the alliance, with the BJP emerging as the senior partner after playing a supportive role to Mr. Kumar for nearly four decades. The BJP conceded the Chief Minister's post to Mr. Kumar in order to avoid any potential blowback from the Extremely Backward Classes (EBC) which continue to support Mr. Kumar.

At 73, Mr. Kumar is younger to both Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is 74, and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)'s Lalu Prasad Yadav, who is 76, the other key figure in Bihar. The JD(U) supremo, however, is at a vulnerable moment in his career after having been the Chief Minister for two decades, hopping between the RJD and the BJP for partnership. The BJP is trying to capitalise on this and consolidate its dominance. The caste composition of its Ministers is a clear indicator of the party's strategy to directly engage with a wide array of communities and reduce its dependence on Mr. Kumar even further. This is in keeping with a pattern that the BJP has been following over the years – the party reaches out to newer electorates by making alliances with parties first and then gradually expands its own direct contacts with them. The most recent example of this was in Maharashtra where the BJP replaced the Shiv Sena as the dominant party. While Mr. Kumar may sense the danger involved in his partnership with the BJP, his options are limited. Having switched between the BJP and the RJD several times in the past, he only managed to delay, but not avoid, this moment of utter helplessness.

Truce under fire

All sides must ensure that the war in Gaza ends permanently

As the first phase of the Israel-Hamas ceasefire comes to an end on Saturday, there are growing signs that the already fragile truce is under enormous strain. When the deal was reached in mid-January, the understanding was that it would be implemented in three phases. In the first, Israel was required to reposition some of its troops, letting displaced Palestinians move from the south to the north, and release more than a thousand security prisoners in return for some 32 hostages. In the second phase, both sides are required to bring the war to an end, while the third phase is about the reconstruction of Gaza. In the first 42 days, both sides stuck to their commitments despite challenges – Hamas released 38 hostages and Israel freed hundreds of prisoners. Talks for the second phase were to begin days earlier – Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sent a delegation to Cairo only on Thursday. And, according to the deal, Israel was to complete the withdrawal of its troops from the Philadelphi corridor, the 14-kilometre stretch along southern Gaza's border with Egypt, by Saturday. But on Thursday, an Israeli soldier ruled out an Israeli pull back from the corridor, casting doubts on the future of the ceasefire.

When Israel launched the war on Gaza, following Hamas's October 7, 2023 cross-border attack in which 1,200 people were killed, Mr. Netanyahu's declared objectives were the dismantling of Hamas and the release of the hostages. But after 15 months of war, in which nearly 48,000 Palestinians have been killed and more than 1,00,000 wounded, Israel achieved neither of the goals, which eventually forced Mr. Netanyahu to strike a deal with Hamas to get the hostages out. For a permanent end of the war, Israel has to leave Gaza. If Mr. Netanyahu withdraws his troops, Hamas will remain in power in the enclave, an outcome that could lead to the collapse of his right-religious government. The proposal by United States President Donald Trump to "own Gaza" and ethnically cleanse the strip's 2.3 million Palestinians seems to have hardened Israel's position further. But by keeping its troops in Gaza, Israel is not only violating the terms of the ceasefire but is also stepping into the abyss. Despite its superior forces and unmatchable fire power, Israel has failed to destroy Hamas, which, in the words of Israel Defense Forces spokesperson Daniel Hagari, is "rooted in the hearts" of Palestinians. After the first phase of the ceasefire, Hamas will still have over 60 hostages. So, if Israel refuses to exit Gaza and extend the ceasefire, what is awaiting the enclave is a war of attrition. Instead, the Jewish state should honour its commitments under the agreement. The U.S., rather than make outlandish statements such as ethnically cleansing Palestinians, should use its leverage over Israel and its Arab neighbours to implement the ceasefire and draw up a plan for post-war Gaza, that includes its governance and reconstruction.

The necessity of mainstreaming wetland conservation

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The *suo motu* public interest litigation by the Meghalaya High Court very recently, to monitor the conservation of wetlands in the State brings the focus back on this important ecosystem. Since 1971, February 2 is observed every year as 'World Wetland Day' to mark the adoption of the Ramsar Convention, an international treaty for the conservation of wetlands, which was signed in the Iranian city of Ramsar. The theme this year was 'Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future". It is a theme that has appropriately positioned wetlands in the sustainable development perspective, as espoused in the Brundtland report, 'Our Common Future', and published by the UN World Commission on Environment and Development in 1987.

Many pressures

Wetlands, one of the most biologically productive ecosystems, provide multiple benefits. Globally, wetlands cover an area of 12.1 million km^2, or around 6% of the earth surface, providing 40.6% of global ecosystem services. However, they are under severe stress, both qualitatively and quantitatively, due to various development activities including population growth, urbanisation, industrialisation, and increasing demand for land to cater to various human needs and climate change.

Since 1900, as much as 50% of the area under wetlands has been diverted to accommodate various other uses, as one of the studies indicated. Wetland surface area, both coastal and inland, declined by about 35% between 1970 and 2015. Globally, the rate of loss estimated with the Wetland Extend Trends (WET) index is (-)0.78% a year, which is more than three times higher than the loss rate of natural vegetation as estimated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Around 81% of inland wetland species population and 36% of coastal and marine species have declined since 1970. The extinction risk of wetland species, both plants and animals, is increasing, globally.

The conservation and the management of wetlands have emerged as a major challenge as they are linked to other development issues and can serve in devising nature-based solutions for water management and the mitigation of climate change impacts, besides providing blue-green infrastructures in urban areas. Recognising the importance of wetlands in the larger development context, the Ramsar Convention COP14 that was held in Wuhan, China and Geneva, Switzerland from November 5-13, 2022, laid stress on preparation of the fifth Ramsar Strategic Plan and recognised that the conservation and management of wetlands cannot be a stand-alone initiative. It needs to be contextualised and appropriately linked to other international environment development initiatives.

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Accordingly, the COP14 argued that implementation of the Ramsar Strategic Plan would be an important contribution towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, meeting the Global Biodiversity targets, the United Nations Framework Convention of Climate Change. It would also align with the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, and any relevant work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and other global programmes relating to wetlands. The global changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and greater knowledge about the impacts of biodiversity loss and climate change since COP13, or the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (2018), reinforce the urgency to arrest the loss of wetlands.

The situation in India

India is a signatory to the Ramsar Convention. As of 2023, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has designated 75 Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance) in the country. These are distributed from the coasts to Himalayan territory, and are diverse in nature. Even some of the river stretches such as that of the Upper Ganga river are designated as Ramsar sites.

However, identification of Ramsar site does not necessarily contribute to its conservation. Moreover, the area under Ramsar sites together cover 1.33 million hectares or around 8% of 15.98 million ha wetlands, presently known and mapped as reported in the National Wetland Decadal Change Atlas, 2017-18 prepared by Space Applications Centre (SAC), Government of India. Based on the location, wetlands are classified as inland and man-made. By 2017-18, India had 66.6% of wetlands as natural wetland (43.9% as inland wetland and 22.7% as coastal wetland).

The area under wetlands is not a static figure. The general trends indicate a reduction in natural wetlands and an increase in man-made wetlands across the country. The SAC study showed that natural wetlands along the coast are declining even in a short span of 2006-07 to 2017-18. According to an estimate by the Wetlands International South-Asia (WISA), nearly 30% of the natural wetlands in India have been lost in the last four decades due to urbanisation, infrastructure building, agricultural expansion and pollution. The loss is more in urban areas, especially around major urban centres. It is reported that from 1970 to 2014, Mumbai lost 71% of its wetlands.

Another study has shown that wetlands in east Kolkata have shrunk by 36% in 30 years from 1991 to 2021. A recent WWF study has indicated that Chennai has lost 85% of its wetlands. There have been several studies indicating the loss of ecosystem services due to the degradation of wetlands around the world. One such study, of Cali city in Colombia, has brought out that the estimated loss of total ecosystem services due to loss of urban wetlands is $76,827 a hectare in a year. In the peri-urban area the loss is estimated at $30,354 a ha a year.

The bigger dimension

At present, most wetland management initiatives in India address the ecological and environmental aspects of the wetland ecosystem. The studies are also limited to some of the major wetlands. At the global level, apart from wetland biodiversity, there is stress on wetland distribution and a characterisation of wetland and human impacts to evaluate and prioritise wetlands for conservation.

Given the varied ecosystem services and values that they offer to society, wetlands form an integral part of ecological, economic and social security. It is important to recognise this larger dimension and investigate the physical, social and economic factors, including alterations, in land use within the catchment area, the drivers which have led to modifications in wetland surroundings, and the ex-situ pressure contributing to wetland degradation and the governance structure.

Wetlands act as a source as well as sink of carbon. Therefore, their role in climate change mitigation has to be carefully evaluated and monitored, something which is hardly attempted now. More effective and comprehensive management strategies are required in response to escalating stress from various climatic and anthropogenic factors. The present approach is insufficient to address all these issues. Wetland management warrants an innovative ecosystem-based approach and it should be mainstreamed within the development plan, as advocated during the Ramsar COP14.

The steps that will shape India's AI ambition

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In the heart of Bengaluru, software developers find themselves racing against time to outbid Chinese rivals for major Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven projects with international clients. Despite being part of a skilled workforce, deals often slip away due to capabilities Indian firms struggle to match. This is not just a single developer's dilemma. It is a glimpse into India's crossroads.

Faced with a three-way race to catch up with Silicon Valley while being chased by China and South East Asia, India is being subject to rigorous competition. But, if it wants to prevail at the forefront of the AI race, India must recognise that the challenge lies not in whether businesses prefer a local or foreign AI platform but in whether market regulations will inadvertently stifle India's momentum.

The issues in India

Export competitiveness hinges on the nationwide deployment of productivity-enhancing technologies. Indian services and consultancies must incorporate AI technologies to maintain their lead position in the global market. But concerns remain over the massive loss of routine jobs, discriminatory algorithmic decision-making, and the negative risks of human impersonation. In particular, "deepfakes" undermine trust by spreading misinformation, and destabilise political processes eroding credibility rapidly.

AI adoption issues such as misinformation and intermediary liability are at the forefront of the AI discussion in India, as digital platforms have become primary conduits for information dissemination. The general opinion among startups in India is that intermediaries – usually foreign tech giants – often set the rules of engagement, making it challenging for local startups to compete.

Tension has increased since, with recent Indian app developers filing a complaint against Google before the Competition Commission of India. But, putting regulatory and administrative pressure on those companies will not necessarily resolve the core problem of monopolistic business practices. Regulating AI will interfere with technological adaptation, which will have undesirable consequences on India's relative competitiveness.

> If it wants to lead in the AI race, India must recognise that the challenge lies in whether market regulations will stifle its momentum

India has already localised a significant portion of the AI value chain, and additional AI-related compliance costs may hamper India's ability to outpace commercial rivals such as China and the United States, which have decided to leave AI unregulated.

Navigating the global AI race

India's position as the world's IT powerhouse gives it a unique advantage in the AI era. Attempts to govern and regulate AI occur as industrialised nations compete globally for industrial leadership. The European Union (EU) opted for strict regulation to address risks and societal impacts. In contrast, the U.S. maintains a more hands-off stance, prioritising innovation. India finds itself in a delicate balancing act between these two paths. But the sooner misconceptions about quickly outdated market rules addressing a limited set of hypothetical risks are set aside, the better India can focus on outpacing commercial rivals such as China and the U.S.

There are very good reasons why the EU has chosen to legislate through binding laws, mainly due to its unique structural deficiencies. The EU lacks a supranational constitution that safeguards human rights and protects citizens against AI-based surveillance or policing by its member-states. Therefore, unlike India, the EU must enact binding rules to pre-empt AI laws by national governments that will otherwise fragment its single market.

Additionally, the costs of regulatory failure are too high if India's exporting capabilities are at stake, particularly given Chinese dominance in hardware and cloud technologies. India has previously taken inspiration from EU or U.S. laws. However, it must follow its own paths and pursue its national interests based on its services-driven industrial profile.

Introducing regulatory attempts that can impede AI development in India may allow businesses to repatriate from India and relocate IT development and software research and development to other countries with more AI-friendly rules. In other words, Indian IT services and consultancies held back by AI regulations run the risk of losing their hold of the global market.

Instead, the Indian government can use its diplomatic influence to ensure that open-source models remain open, accessible, and commercially viable, paired with international strategic partnerships for energy security, computing resources, and international standardisation.

A case for regulatory clarity

Building on the expected strong adoption of AI, public officials have a responsibility to listen to political and social concerns. While India is not explicitly pursuing ex-ante product regulation on AI akin to that in Europe (or previously planned in California), various agencies have launched conflicting policies, resulting in a minor power struggle that resulted in a fragmented policy landscape.

Lessons learnt from the EU and the U.S. point to the need to strengthen and future-proof existing laws rather than produce new ones. Current transitional guidelines have shown a feasible pathway to avoiding overlapping liability or regulatory blindspots by re-interpreting existing legislation. India has a comprehensive framework for antitrust, corporate liability, free speech, and public order that covers AI development and use cases. India may not need AI-specific rules legislation such as the IT Act.

India must choose its own path according to its national interests. The challenge lies not in whether businesses prefer a local or foreign AI platform but in encouraging rapid adoption and supporting open-source and other alternatives accessible for fine-tuning and transferring learning in its IT industry.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Delimitation and the South

The issue of delimitation in India appears to have upset leaders of the southern States, with good reason. To begin with, the South Indian States contribute significantly to India's economy, with higher per capita income and better human development indicators. If despite this they end up having less representation in Parliament, it could add to concerns about an unfair distribution of central resources. If political power shifts more toward the Hindi-speaking States, the fear of marginalisation may increase. This could deepen regional tensions. But there are possible solutions. Instead of focusing on population alone, representation could be linked to economic and social development indicators. There could also be steps to ensure that States have more control over policies affecting them. Finally, there could be an increase in Rajya Sabha seats for the South Indian States to balance the seat losses in the Lok Sabha.

Md Sabir Hussain,
Arrah, Bihar

The last word

The debate on the nation's languages has been revived and may appear both opportune and cynical to many, and a need of the times to others. Many Indian languages are far too older than even global tongues. India has had its share of civilisational onslaughts with many alien tongues but was able to tackle them by assimilation or assertion, to the benefit of its cultural enrichment. States south of the Vindhyas, zealously linguistic, resisted Sanskrit. The anti-Hindi agitations are of recent memory. However, the compulsions of modern-day technological advances saw many States embrace English to manage their technical interface. Great civilisations have thrived on diversity and vanished on inward-looking, isolationist credos or a false sense of superiority, be it in race, religion, language or any other.

R. Narayanan,
Navi Mumbai

Corrections & Clarifications

The Finance Commission's advice is recommendatory in nature and is not binding on the government, as mentioned in a Reuters report, "Centre seeks to reduce the share of States in federal tax revenues" (Business page, February 28, 2025).

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A rescue worker at the SLBC tunnel in Domalapenta village, Nagarkurnool district. NAGARA GOPAL

Looking for workers at the end of the tunnel

On February 22, a routine workday turned into a nightmare for workers at the Srisailam Left Bank Canal tunnel in Nagarkurnool district, when a portion of the structure collapsed in the morning, trapping eight men. An intense, multi-agency rescue operation is going on to rescue the workers who have no food and water and cannot be contacted. **P. Laxma Reddy** and **B. Chandrashekhar** report on the difficult operation

The quiet village of Domalapenta in the Nagarkurnool district of Telangana is generally a pit stop for wildlife enthusiasts as it is nestled in the lush Nallamala forest range, which houses the Amrabad Tiger Reserve. Devotees also often flock to the village to grab a quick meal or snack before heading to the Srisailam Mallikarjuna Swamy temple located nearby, on the right bank of the Krishna river, in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh.

However, over the last week, there has been unusually hectic activity in the village. Since February 22, eight men have remained trapped inside the Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel, which is situated, as the name suggests, on the left bank of the Srisailam dam. They are Manoj Kumar and Sri Niwas from Uttar Pradesh; Sunny Singh from Jammu and Kashmir; Gurpreet Singh from Punjab; and Sandeep Sahu, Jagta Xess, Santosh Sahu, and Anju Sahu from Jharkhand.

Rescue teams from the Indian Army, Indian Navy, Border Roads Organisation (BRO), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Fore (SDRF), Singareni Collieries, agencies from the Central and State government, as well as private agencies have all been working tirelessly to pull them out. Worried families and journalists have remained stationed at the spot too, regularly seeking updates.

Jagta Xess' elder brother, Jitruam, who works at a private company in Hazaribagh in Jharkhand, has been waiting at the site for days. He was flown in here by the Jharkhand government. His hope is to somehow see his brother emerge unscathed from the depths of this tunnel.

"Since I am the eldest in a family of three brothers and sisters, Jagta, who is the youngest, hardly speaks to me. But he speaks to my wife, Basanti. Everyone loves him a lot," says Jitruam.

Then his face falls. "Officials have been saying the operation will take a lot of time. I just keep praying that all the men come out safely," he says.

> He is the only earning member of our family and we just want him to be safe
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> **ARJUN**
> Brother of Sandeep Sahoo, who is trapped in the tunnel

A boom, debris, and gushing water

The SLBC tunnel is part of the Alimineti Madhava Reddy Project, which was started in 1983 to provide irrigation facilities in the drought-prone areas of Nalgonda district and to supply drinking water to fluoride-affected villages. The agreement to build the SLBC tunnel was made in 2005 when Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy was Chief Minister.

According to officials of the Irrigation Department, until February 22, work on the tunnel had been completed for 13.93 km from the side of the Srisailam reservoir and another 20.43 km from the side of the Dindi reservoir, leaving 9.55 km of work to be completed. The tunnel is located 400 meters beneath the surface of the hilly region.

On the morning of February 22, there were 50 workers inside the tunnel, according to Jaiprakash Associates, the firm that was given the project contract and which is the flagship company of the Jaypee Group.

Phoolchand Sahu, 26, a worker from Jharkhand's Gumla district, says while he was going to work that morning, he met some workers who were returning from night duty. They warned him and several other workers that water was seeping into the tunnel. Since seepage incidents were not uncommon in the tunnel, the workers cautiously went inside.

"We arrived at the tunnel entrance at around 7 in the morning and entered it using a locomotive as usual," says Sahu. After an hour and a half, when the tunnel boring machine was being operated, Sahu recalls hearing a thundering noise. In an instant, cement and concrete blocks fell on the tunnel boring machine and water from the hole in the roof gushed down. "We saw that a portion of the tunnel had collapsed, burying the tunnel boring machine," he says. "We just ran." The tunnel had collapsed 14 km from its mouth.

A senior State government official coordinating the rescue mission says the incident happened in phases. "It occurred on a minor scale at 8:22 a.m. and then again at 8:40 a.m.," he says.

Due to the strong water current, Sahu recalls nearly being swept away in the tunnel. "The power supply had stopped and the tunnel was engulfed in darkness. But we just kept running towards the entrance. Some people held the pipelines and some got onto the conveyor belt. We then saw the locomotive, jumped into it, and came out of the tunnel," he says.

It was only when Sahu and the others exited the tunnel and checked the register that they realised that eight men – two engineers, two technical staff members, and four workers – who were closest to the tunnel boring machine were missing and 13 others were injured.

At around 1 p.m., Nagarkurnool Superintendent of Police Vaibhav Gaikwad arrived at the spot, followed by District Collector Santosh Badawath. Telangana Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy also rushed to the site from Hyderabad by helicopter to take stock of the situation.

That night, at around 10 p.m., the NDRF launched a rescue operation. Later, other agencies, including the Marine Commando Force of the Indian Navy and a 12-member team of rat-hole miners, who were involved in the rescue of 41 workers trapped in the Silkyara tunnel in Uttarakhand in 2023, also joined the efforts. Firoz Qureshi, a member of the rat miners' team, says removing the mud is the biggest challenge. "The situation at the SLBC tunnel is different from the Uttarkashi tunnel accident. Here, we are dealing with water and mud instead of rock," he explains.

The Chairman and Managing Director of Singareni Collieries, N. Balaram, says the tunnel boring machine broke into two due to the impact of the roof collapse, which further complicated rescue efforts.

The other workers remain sceptical about the possibility of the trapped labourers' survival. "We don't think they are alive," says Sahu.

Pulling out all the stops

The rescuers have reached over 13 km inside the tunnel. However, the water and slush in the next few hundred metres have prevented them from getting to the trapped men. Since the day of the incident, 11 specialised teams from various organisations, including Jaiprakash Associates, have been involved in rescue efforts.

On February 27, a team from the BRO inspected the tunnel and suggested cutting the rear parts of the tunnel boring machine. Initially, BRO experts had suggested using plasma cutters, which are often used in automotive repair and restoration, industrial construction, and salvage and scrapping operations, but the idea was abandoned as these are heavy and cannot be easily transported inside the tunnel.

A team from the South Central Railway also arrived with an ultra thermos cutter, which is designed to cut through metals thicker than 8 millimetres. They began cutting the dismantled parts of the tunnel boring machine to shift them out.

The National Geophysical Research Institute has also joined rescue efforts. A team from the institute entered the tunnel with a Ground Penetrating Radar unit, which is capable of detecting objects up to 10 metres deep. Another Ground Penetrating Radar unit was deployed on the hilltop for external assessments. Metal cutting experts have also been brought in.

"Meanwhile, de-watering operations have nearly been completed, with multiple teams using loco-dumpers to remove accumulated silt from the tunnel," says an official. However, no one has been able to establish contact with the men, who are trapped without food and water.

Uttam Kumar Reddy says the teams will finish their operation within the next two-three days and work on the tunnel can resume in about two months. About the chances of survival of the victims, he simply says, "We remain hopeful until the operation is complete."

Daily wage workers from Jharkhand look for updates on the rescue operation near Domalapenta village. NAGARA GOPAL

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> **FIROZ QURESHI**
> Rat miner

A rigorous job

Workers who are watching the rescue operations are angry. Some unskilled daily wage labourers from Jharkhand allege that they had not been paid wages for the last three months. Munna Sahu from Gumla district says the workers receive only ₹600 per day from their agency, despite the dangers posed by tunnel excavation work. "The construction company provides no additional support, such as a common kitchen facility with LPG gas," he says. "We collect firewood from the forest to cook our meals."

Around 800 workers have been hired for this project. While 300 are from the region, the rest hail from Jharkhand, Odisha, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh. The workers live in tin sheds, about 4 km away from the tunnel entrance, where they are provided with steel or iron beds, fans, and power points for charging phones. "We came all the way from Jharkhand (some 1,400 km away) because we got only ₹300 per day for an eight-hour shift there. But the poor safety measures here are posing a threat to our lives," says a worker from Gumla district. If there is a health emergency, the workers say they visit the government health sub-centre at Domalapenta or the primary health centre at Mannanur, about 100 km away.

Describing their daily routine, Sahu says the workers usually wake up at 5 in the morning. By 7 a.m., they are expected to be sitting in the buses provided by the company, which take them to the tunnel. "It takes 12-15 minutes to reach the tunnel entrance via a 4-km-long ghat road that has no boundary rails. We leave our mobile phones in a storeroom at the entrance before boarding a locomotive vehicle into the tunnel," he says. The workers are all given helmets.

"While the debris is primarily removed by the conveyor belt attached to the tunnel boring machine, we assist in clearing debris from the ground," Sahu says. However, the workers voice concerns over safety. "We are forced to work for 10 hours instead of 8. Moreover, if an accident occurs inside the tunnel, there is no way out," says another worker. Workers say they are not sure whether they want to continue working for the project once the rescue operation is completed.

'No human error'

The chief engineer of the project, V. Ajay Kumar, says there was no human error involved in assessing the safety conditions of the tunnel. However, the formation of fresh cavities in the roof of the tunnel could have led to increase in seepage, leading to the collapse of the reinforced cement concrete slabs used as revetment, he explains.

"The work agency took all precautions before resuming work. We arrested the seepage with cement mixed with specified chemicals for grouting. But the intensity of seepage increased all of a sudden and a few roof slabs fell on the front portion of the tunnel boring machine before those deployed there could react and come out to safety," he says.

"Those behind the tunnel boring machine suspected that something was wrong when they heard the noise and ran back to the mouth of the tunnel. They shouted to those positioned in front of the machine but they got no answer. They didn't wait for them, fearing for their lives," says an official coordinating the rescue work.

A retired Chief Engineer of the Irrigation Department, M. Shyam Prasad Reddy, says engineers of the Irrigation Department were happy when the contract of the tunnel excavation work was given to Jaiprakash Associates, a company that was part of the prestigious Sardar Sarovar Dam project in Gujarat.

Even as rescue operations are in full swing, hope is diminishing. Sandeep Sahoo, 28, was supposed to return home to Nakti Toli village this month. "We were informed about this tragic incident on the evening of February 22 by fellow workers from our village," says his father, Jithu Sahoo. "Right now, all we are doing is praying."

Sandeep's mother Bursimuni Devi, 50, says she spoke to him a day before the incident. "He was very happy and said that he would come home before Holi. He spoke to me, Arjun (his younger brother), and Purnima (his younger sister) that day. He was asking me what to bring from Telangana. I told him to bring whatever he likes. Forget seeing him, I haven't even heard his voice for a week now," she says.

Arjun says his brother earns around ₹15,000 a month. "He is the only earning member of our family and we just want him to be safe. My father has gone to bring him back," he says.

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22 missing as avalanche hits BRO project site

Injured workers have been admitted to the Army hospital in Mana, according to a statement from the State Disaster Response Force. The doctors have stitched up a couple of the rescued workers who suffered grievous injuries on their heads and other parts of the body.

Snowfall halts rescue efforts

The rescue operations were forced to stop multiple times during the day due to the extreme weather conditions, with continuous snow and rainfall in the upper reaches of the Himalayas, including at Mana. The India Meteorological Department has issued an advisory on the snowfall and the possibility of further avalanches in mountainous districts, along with the precautionary measures to be taken.

The State government also issued two helpline numbers that can be contacted by the kin of the trapped workers seeking information about the rescue, as the communication channels at the site remained non-functional due to the bad weather.

GDP grows 6.2% on rising govt. spending

Imports slid 1.1%, entering negative territory. Experts say this can partly be attributed to the depreciation of the rupee.

The increase in government and private consumption offset the slowdown in investment rate, measured by the growth of Gross Fixed Capital Formation, which fell to 5.7% in Q3, from 9.3% in the year ago period.

The economy grew at 6.5% and 5.6% in the first two quarters of the current fiscal. Achieving a GDP estimate of 6.5% for the full year would require a 7.6% growth rate in the fourth quarter, said Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran in a media briefing. Although this looks ambitious, he said it could be doable if three factors fall in place: a spike in exports, higher capex pickup, and huge private consumption spending prompted by the Maha Kumbh.

On the production side, most of the rise in the Gross Value Added (output without accounting for net taxes) came from the 5.2% growth in primary sector output, compared to just 1.8% in the year ago period. This was largely thanks to agricultural production, as mining output slowed. Output growth slowed in both secondary and tertiary sectors, to 4.8% and 7.4%, respectively.

The National Statistical Office also released the second advance estimates for the current fiscal year, and the first revised estimates for 2023-24, which showed that the real output of the economy grew at a pace of 6.5% that year, down from 9.2% in the year ago period. The data for the first revised estimates of 2023-24 and final estimates of 2022-23 were revised upwards due to a change in computation methodology, according to the NSO statement.

India, EU set year-end deadline for trade deal

If concluded, the deal, which includes an Investment Protection Agreement and Geographical Indications Agreement, would be the "largest in the world", Ms. von der Leyen said. However, questions remain over whether the two sides can bridge their differences in a matter of months, particularly over tariff issues which have held them up for years.

Car tariffs key to FTA

Briefing the media about the talks, an EU official said the FTA plan is ambitious but conceded that unless there is a breakthrough on India cutting tariffs on European cars and alcohol, it would not be realised. "I would even go as far as saying that without a substantive commitment on cars, there will not be a trade agreement between European [Union] and India," the official said.

When asked about the statement, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Secretary (West) Tanmay Lal said that there are different concerns for both sides. "But now, the decisive, clear mandate has been given by the leaders to their teams," he added, when asked about how realistic the year-end deadline was. India has sped up trade negotiations with a number of countries in the past few years, but FTAs have repeatedly missed such deadlines, including those with the United Kingdom, Australia, and others.

Changing geopolitical context

Dividing the issues discussed into the different baskets of economic issues, technology cooperation, and security and defence, Ms. von der Leyen said that "now more than ever, the geopolitical context asks for decisive action." She was believed to be indicating the "context" of U.S. President Donald Trump's threats of trade tariffs against Europe as well as "tariff violators" like India, the shifts in U.S. policy on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and Europe's desire to 'de-risk' its ties with China.

"We have seen how supply chains and dependencies are used to gain influence or drive wedges between nations and regions. We have seen a more aggressive posture from major powers, and of course, the conflicts that have destabilised entire regions," she said, delivering a keynote address on EU-India ties at an event organised by the Council for Strategic and Defence Research.

(With inputs from Kallol Bhattacherjee)

Pune rape accused held after 3 days, sent to police custody

After identification with the help of CCTV footage, the police tracked Dattatray Gade to Gunat village in Shirur tehsil; an audit of deserted spots in Pune is being undertaken to bolster safety

Snehal Mutha
MUMBAI

After an intense hunt for three days, police tracked down the man accused of the rape of a 26-year-old woman in Pune. Dattatray Gade has been sent to police custody for 12 days.

Gade was arrested from Gunat village in Shirur Tehsil of Pune district around 1 a.m. on Friday. The accused was nabbed with the help of the villagers and a dog squad, the police said. He was presented before the Judicial Magistrate of the First Class T.S. Gaigole at Shivajinagar District Court in the evening.

Gade is accused of the rape of the woman who was waiting for a bus to travel to her hometown, Phaltan, early on Tuesday. He allegedly approached her on the pretext of showing her the right bus and took her to a parked State-run bus, where he allegedly raped her.

During the hearing, the lawyer representing the accused argued that the physical relationship with the woman was with consent.

During their search operation, the police found a discarded shirt that was used to help a dog squad pick up the scent.

In the net: The man accused of the rape of a woman inside a bus, being produced at a court in Pune on Friday. PTI

Found in a field

They were informed of Gade's visit to a house asking for food but he had fled before they could reach the spot. They eventually tracked him to a field near a canal, which was close to his relative's place, where he had gone for food and water. He was then brought to Pune and handed over to the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Swargate Police Station, where he was formally arrested.

Appreciating the villagers' help, Pune Commissioner Amitesh Kumar said: "A team has been formed to collect evidence and create a water-tight case. Special Counsel will put the case on the fast track to ensure the accused is punished. Over 400 local people from Gunat helped us in tracing the accused, for which I will honour them."

Several teams – consisting of at least 500 personnel from the Crime Branch, Swargate Police, riot platoons and recruits from the headquarters – had been deployed on a search. Police had checked CCTV footage from 23 cameras inside the bus depot and 48 cameras in Pune city. The suspect was identified within two hours after the complaint was filed.

Mr. Kumar said an audit of deserted spots, the vicinity of the railway station, hilltop areas and bus stops was being undertaken to put in measures for women's safety. A mapping of deserted areas would be done to create a safety net, he added.

Shakti Bill

The long-due Shakti Bill for women's safety again took centre stage, with the Opposition demanding its clearance by the Union government. The Bill, which advocates for the death penalty for grievous offences of rape, gang-rape, and acid attacks, has been pending for the last four years.

Former State Home Minister and NCP (SP) leader Anil Deshmukh urged the State government to get approval from the Centre and the President and implement it in the State.

Next round of talks between Union govt., farmers on March 19

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Farmers hold a mahapanchayat at Shambhu border. FILE PHOTO

The Punjab government informed the Supreme Court on Friday that representatives of the Union government and farmers' leaders have met twice to discuss issues, including the guaranteed Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops, and would meet again on March 19.

Appearing before a Bench of Justices Surya Kant and N.K. Singh, Punjab Advocate General Gurminder Singh submitted that two Ministers of the State also participated in the meetings. The platform for the meetings are being facilitated by a top court-appointed committee led by former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge, Justice Nawab Singh. The Supreme Court's consistent and urgent interventions prompted by the health condition of farmers' leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, who is on a hunger strike, had cleared the path for talks.

In January, after nearly two months of his fast, Mr. Dallewal had finally accepted medical aid and was shifted to a makeshift hospital. Mr. Dallewal had relented after meeting with a high-level delegation from the Union government.

More than 110 other farmers' leaders had also joined Mr. Dallewal in his hunger strike at the time on Kanauri border.

Besides MSP, the protesting farmers had also sought a legal guarantee to protect their income and stabilise the agricultural market. Farmers have been camped at Shambhu and Kanauri borders of Punjab and Haryana ever since their march to Delhi was stopped in February 2024.

During the earlier hearings, before the Centre's team met with the farmers, the Supreme Court had separately questioned the Union government's reluctance to come out with a statement that its "doors are open" to consider the "genuine grievances" of the protesters.

SC sets aside dismissal of two women judicial officers

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court in a judgment on Friday said that with more and more women joining judicial ranks, it was time for the judiciary to be more sensitive to their well-being at work.

Justice B.V. Nagarathna, heading a Bench, voiced her concern about the physical and mental health of women in district judiciary, a branch haunted by tremendous workload, pendency of cases and long hours perennially.

"It is not enough to find comfort solely in the growing number of women judicial officers if we are unable to secure for them a sensitive work environment and guidance," the court said.

The judgment came on a petition filed by two women judicial officers from Madhya Pradesh who were sacked for "inefficiency" and "misconduct" despite one of them having suffered back-to-back personal trauma, including a miscarriage, days in the intensive care unit for COVID and her brother being diagnosed with cancer.

The top court said though gender cannot be an excuse for poor work performance by women judicial officers, it certainly was a critical consideration.

Justice Nagarathna said the case reflected the need to provide a sensitive and inclusive work atmosphere within the judiciary, which is witnessing more and more women legal professionals and judges.

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>
> **JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA**
> Supreme Court judge

The top court said the judiciary, with greater women representation and sense of equality, must set an example for the government and the legislature. Justice Nagarathna is currently one of only two women judges in the Supreme Court, which has a sanctioned judicial strength of 34.

The judge explained that greater women representation would shift gender stereotypes, especially at the senior levels in the judiciary, change attitudes and patriarchal perceptions.

"Women's visibility as judicial officers can pave the way for women's greater representation in other decision-making positions, such as in legislative and executive branches of government. Higher numbers, and greater visibility of women judges can increase the willingness of women to seek justice and enforce their rights through the courts," Justice Nagarathna noted.

'Arbitrary move'

The judgment set aside the termination orders of Savita Choudhary and Aditi Kumar Sharma, the two civil judges concerned, terming them "punitive, arbitrary and illegal".

The top court ordered the two women to be reinstated within 15 days according to their seniority. Senior advocate Indira Jaising, who appeared for the two women judicial officers, said the verdict may help to provide an "enabling environment" for women in the judiciary.

Taking note of Ms. Sharma's case, Justice Nagarathna said a miscarriage could be mentally and physically debilitating for a woman. "A miscarriage affects a person's identity, leading to disappointments and challenges to motherhood identity and role, stigma and isolation, amongst other aspects," Justice Nagarathna observed.

The top court referred to Article 10 of the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights that accorded special protection to mothers during a reasonable period before and after childbirth.

Justice Nagarathna, after the pronouncement of the judgment in court, remarked on the distress women judges undergo when they have to sit through court work the whole day "sometimes taking tablets to ease the monthly pain".

We need to add 35-40 fighter jets every year, private sector can play bigger role: IAF chief

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The Indian Air Force needs to add 35 to 40 fighter jets every year to fill the gap in numbers, Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh said on Friday. He added that the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) had promised to produce 24 Tejas Mark-1A jets next year.

While pitching for self-reliance, he said the promised production rate wasn't enough and there was a need to look for options to fill the void. In this regard, the IAF chief called for greater involvement of the private sector.

In related remarks, acknowledging that the current defence acquisition processes were too lengthy, Secretary of Research and Development and Chairman, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Samir V. Kamat said at another event that by the end of the year, there could be a new, faster acquisition cycle in place. The Defence Minister had declared 2025 as the "year of reforms" in the Ministry of Defence and the most important reform would be to speed up the acquisition cycle, he said. "Defence Secretary is the one who is handling this and I am sure by the year-end, we will have a much faster acquisition cycle," he added.

Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh

Air Chief Marshal Singh, while speaking at the Chanakya Dialogues conclave, said, "We need to add two squadrons per year, which means we need 35 to 40 planes per year. The capacity cannot come overnight... HAL has promised to produce 24 Tejas Mark-1A jets next year, I am happy with that. This target is not impossible."

"We can get 12-18 jets per year from private participation... I can take a vow I will not buy anything from outside. But we are badly off in terms of numbers. The promised numbers are slow, there will be a need to look for something to fill these voids."

Meanwhile, flagging an important challenge in research and development, Mr. Kamat noted that for cutting-edge research and investment in new technologies, the risk of failure was very high. In our country, the risk appetite from the private sector was lacking, he said.

Rahul targets Centre over vacancies in national SC panel

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday attacked the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Union government over what he termed was its "deliberate neglect" of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, calling it "proof of the anti-Dalit mentality of the BJP government".

In a post on X, Mr. Gandhi said, "The National Commission for Scheduled Castes, which protects the rights of Dalits, has been deliberately neglected – two of its key posts have been lying vacant for the last one year. This commission is a constitutional institution – weakening it is a direct attack on the constitutional and social rights of Dalits." He further called for the Prime Minister to fill all posts in the Commission as soon as possible.

The present NCSC is the 7th Commission constituted. President Droupadi Murmu on March 9, 2024, appointed Gujarat BJP leader Kishor Makwana as Chairperson and Love Kush Kumar and Vaddepalli Ramchander as members. Since then, no other members or a Vice-Chairperson have been appointed.

The Constitution mandates that the NCSC has a Chairperson, V-C, and three members. The last time all top posts were filled was during the tenure of the 5th Commission, headed by Chairperson Ram Shankar Katheria from 2017 to 2020.

An official with the NCSC said on Friday that it is not for the Commission to comment on vacancy of posts.

The Commission is also missing key officials like a Law Officer for their Legal Cell, and a couple of other posts at the level of Section Officer.

Manipur gives more time for surrender of looted arms

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Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Friday extended the deadline for the surrender of looted and illegal arms until 4 p.m. on March 6, following demands by people from both hill and valley areas for additional time.

"Upon the expiry of the seven-day deadline for the voluntary surrender of arms, there have been requests from both the valley and hill areas to extend the period. I have considered these requests and decided to extend the deadline until 4 p.m. on March 6," an official statement read. It said no punitive action would be taken against those who surrender their weapons within this period, emphasising that "this is the last opportunity for everyone concerned to contribute to peace, communal harmony, and the future of our youth."

Trinamool moves privilege motion against Jaishankar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sagarika Ghose

Trinamool Congress MP Sagarika Ghose on Friday moved a privilege motion against External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar for allegedly giving "misleading and incomplete" information regarding the deportation of Indians from the United States.

She said that despite the Minister's assurance that the deportees would not be mistreated, the Indians who arrived on February 16 too were shackled.

In a letter to Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, Ms. Ghose quoted from a statement Mr. Jaishankar made in the Upper House on February 6, when he reportedly said: "We are, of course, engaging the U.S. government to ensure that the returning deportees are not mistreated in any manner during the flight."

Nine days after the Minister's statement, Ms. Ghose pointed out that 116 deportees, who were sent back on a second flight, were once again handcuffed and shackled. "These deportees have provided disturbing testimonies of mistreatment, which contradict the assurances given by the Minister in the House," she said, citing the example of an individual who was forced to "remove his turban, which was then thrown into a dustbin".

Calling it a "deeply offensive act against Sikh religious sentiments and rights", she claimed that the deportees were tortured and fed inadequate food, some of which was "half-cooked".

Testimonies from the February 16 deportees, Ms. Ghose said, strongly indicated a deterioration in treatment.

"Given the serious discrepancies between the Minister's statement and the first-hand accounts of deportees, I request that this matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges," Ms. Ghose said.

BJP leadership will pick CM face: Bihar unit chief

Dilip Jaiswal, however, reiterates that the NDA will fight Assembly polls under Nitish's leadership; Opposition RJD says JD(U) will collapse as most of its MLAs have reached secret deals with BJP

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Big decision: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in Bhagalpur on February 24. PTI

Bihar BJP chief Dilip Jaiswal on Friday said the party's Parliamentary Board will decide the chief ministerial candidate for the upcoming Assembly election in the State as per the procedures of the party.

He, however, pointed out that there should be no confusion that the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) would contest the election under the leadership of Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar.

On the other hand, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav said Mr. Kumar would not become the Chief Minister again. He said the JD(U) would collapse soon as most of its MLAs had entered into secret deals with the BJP.

The election to the 243-seat Bihar Assembly is due later this year.

On the first day of the Budget Session on Friday, when mediapersons asked Mr. Jaiswal about the chief ministerial face for the election, he said, "The Chief Minister face will be decided in the Parliamentary Board meeting of the Bharatiya Janata Party."

On February 25, Mr. Kumar's son, Nishant Kumar, said the NDA should declare his father as the chief ministerial candidate ahead of the election.

After the recent visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Bihar, there has been apprehension among the JD(U) leaders that Mr. Modi had not uttered a word on Mr. Kumar leading the State again. He only called him *ladla* (beloved) Chief Minister of Bihar on the stage.

After some time, when mediapersons asked Mr. Jaiswal the reason behind "not accepting" Mr. Kumar as the Chief Minister in 2025, he said, "I am saying every day, in the NDA workers' conference as well, that '2025, Nitish again' is our slogan. After this slogan, there is no room for any kind of question, the leadership under which we [NDA] are going to contest the election in Bihar is none other than Nitish Kumar's leadership."

Mr. Jaiswal, in a bid to correct himself, stressed that he was only describing the procedures under which the Chief Minister's name is selected at the BJP Parliamentary Board meeting.

No vision, says Tejashwi

Speaking to the media on the Assembly premises, Mr. Yadav said Mr. Kumar's "time is over as the people of Bihar have given him 20 years. It is not a small time, if Bihar is the poorest even after 20 years, then who is responsible for it? He does not have any vision nor any road map for the progress of Bihar."

He added, "The command of JD(U) has been given to the BJP and RSS people. Most of the JD(U) MLAs have done dealings with the BJP, and the JD(U) is going to collapse soon. The BJP wants to hijack the JD(U) and it is waiting for the right time. All the constitutional institutions are in the pocket of the BJP, and it is misusing them."

India to go past U.S. in scientific publications by 2029, says Minister

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Jitendra Singh

India will overtake the U.S. in the number of scientific publications by 2029, Union Minister for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh said at a public function on Friday to commemorate National Science Day.

"Future projections say that we will overcome the United States in the number of (scientific) publications in the next four years, by 2029. These are facts that are not known very widely, but these are extremely important to us," Mr. Singh said.

The Minister did not cite a specific source but a 2023 ranking by the U.S.-based National Science Foundation of countries' scientific output says that China, with 8,98,949 publications, leads the world, followed by the U.S. (4,57,335) and India (2,07,390).

Mr. Singh also cited a December 31, 2024, compilation of the top 2% scientists in the world that says that in this list, there are 5,351 Indian scientists. "This is something that would have been unbelievable a few years ago and cynics will not believe, even today. But the figures speak for themselves," he remarked.

The 'Top 2% Scientists', an annual compilation by the U.S.'s Stanford University and scientific publisher Elsevier ranks scientists by fields and number of highly cited publications. India with 5,351 scientists ranks 10th with the U.S. ranked first with 71,392 scientists and China second with 27,165 scientists.

Increase in budget

Mr. Singh stated that the budgetary allocations for various departments have seen significant growth over the years. The Department of Science and Technology (DST) received an allocation of ₹2,777 crore in 2013-14, which has surged to ₹28,509 crore in 2024-25, marking a 926% increase.

India and EU leaders hold talks on urban development

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India and the European Union on Friday discussed ways to strengthen collaboration in urban development with a focus on greener, smarter, and more inclusive cities.

A delegation of the EU, including Raffaele Fitto, Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms, and Jozef Síkela, Commissioner for International Partnerships, called on Union Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, according to a statement by the Urban Affairs Ministry.

Mr. Khattar highlighted sustainability, resilience, and deeper India-EU ties as key priorities. With the partnership entering its third decade, he emphasised joint efforts for more inclusive cities.

On Thursday, Union Minister of Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi met Hadja Lahbib, European Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness, and Crisis Management.

Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to fostering inclusive policies that enhance the well-being of women and children, particularly those from vulnerable and marginalised communities. Ms. Lahbib underscored the importance of international cooperation in addressing global challenges related to women empowerment and crisis response.

Congress pitches for 'bottom-up approach' to tackle inequality

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday said that the focus of policymaking should shift from "cronyism to bottom-up empowerment" to tackle inequality and low consumption.

Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said India's consuming class was only about 30 million households, who were able to purchase goods and services at scale. "This 'consuming class' is supported by an 'aspirant class' of 70 million households that have limited purchasing capacity. Finally, there are nearly 205 million households, comprising 1 billion people who don't have any income to spend on discretionary goods," he said.

Citing the study titled "Indus Valley Annual Report 2025" by Blume Ventures, he said: "The way out of this quagmire is to shift the focus of policymaking from cronyism to bottom-up empowerment. It begins with kickstarting rural incomes, with a hike in MGNREGA wages that beats inflation".

Delhi used less than 75% COVID funds: CAG report

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi government used less than 75% of the funds released by the Centre to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic in the capital, according to a Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report on public health infrastructure and management of health services tabled in the Delhi Assembly on Friday.

Of the total ₹787.91 crore released by the Union government to help Delhi combat the pandemic, only ₹582.84 crore was used, the CAG report said.

The CAG also found that only three new hospitals were completed or extended between the period 2016-17 to 2021-22 when the Aam Aadmi Party was in power, adding that all three projects had been started during the previous regime. "There were significant delays of up to six years in their completion as well as an increase in final costs from the previously tendered costs," the report said.

The CAG highlighted a staff crunch at Delhi government hospitals, and the lack of adequate medicines and equipment. It said that the bed occupancy rate ranged from 101% to 189% in nine hospitals, and from 109% to 169% in seven other hospitals, indicating that more than one patient was accommodated on single beds.

In crisis: People sitting outside a Mohalla Clinic in Delhi.

Though the State Budgets for these four years announced a cumulative addition of 32,000 hospital beds, only 4.25% of these beds were added, the CAG said.

The report found that the Health and Family Welfare Department was unable to use any of the 15 plots it acquired (between June 2007 and December 2015) at a cost of ₹648 lakh for establishing hospitals and dispensaries, despite having possession for periods ranging from six to 15 years.

Regarding the AAP government's flagship Mohalla Clinics scheme, the CAG report said that around 70% of the patients visiting Mohalla Clinics between October 2022 and March 2023 spent less than a minute with the doctor. It found that 41 of the 218 Mohalla Clinics in four selected districts of Delhi remained closed for periods ranging from 15 days to nearly two years. It added that against the aim of opening 1,000 Mohalla Clinics by March 31, 2017, only 523 were operational by March 31, 2023.

The AAP accused the ruling BJP of diverting attention from its own governance failures by focusing on the record of the previous regime. "After 27 years, the BJP has finally come to power in Delhi. The people are waiting for them to fulfil their promises – ₹2,500 per month for women, apparently better infrastructure and improved services. But what is the BJP's real plan? Not governance, not delivery – just five years of abusing AAP," the party said in a statement.

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INBRIEF

Kangana Ranaut and Javed Akhtar settle defamation case

Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut and lyricist Javed Akhtar on Friday settled through mediation the defamation case against her to bring to an end their four-year-long legal battle, with the BJP MP also apologising for the "inconvenience" caused to him. According to the two separate orders of the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate court, "the accused is acquitted" and the complaint is hereby "disposed as withdrawn". Mr. Akhtar had filed a complaint against Ms. Ranaut in July 2020, alleging that she had defamed and damaged his "immaculate reputation" by dragging his name into actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death during an interview with a news channel. Ms. Ranaut had later filed a cross complaint against Mr. Akhtar, alleging criminal intimidation and insult to modesty. PTI

Trinamool MP writes to CJI over bulldozer action

Trinamool Congress MP Saket Gokhale on Friday wrote to the Chief Justice of India seeking *suo motu* cognisance of a recent case in Maharashtra where the authorities bulldozed the house of a scrap dealer from Muslim community. The MP alleged that a 15-year-old boy and his family were targeted as part of the "dirty communal politics of the BJP". Calling it a matter of urgent public importance and concern, Mr. Gokhale stated, "This letter petition concerns a matter of great public importance where a shocking incident has been reported from Malvan in Maharashtra." He was referring to an incident where anti-India slogans were reportedly raised in a house in Malvan after the India-Pakistan match last Sunday. A first information report was subsequently registered.

Recognition of universities will be revoked if they flout discrimination rules: Centre

In case of non-compliance, an institution can be debarred from participating in UGC schemes or from offering degrees; UGC can also take additional punitive measures on a case-to-case basis

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Union government informed the Supreme Court on Friday that a new set of Regulations to wipe out discrimination, especially on the basis of religion or caste, will give the University Grants Commission (UGC) "teeth and power" to derecognise non-compliant higher education institutions.

"Recognition will be cancelled if they do not comply," Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, informed a Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant.

The top law officer said the draft UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations of 2025 have already been published in the UGC website for inviting public comments and suggestions. Thereafter, it would be notified in accordance with law.

The court was hearing a petition filed by the mothers of Rohith Vemula and Payal Tadvi, represented by senior advocate Indira Jaising and advocates Prasanna S. and Disha Wadekar, who had appealed to the Supreme Court to act against the "rampant" caste discrimination in universities. Rohith Vemula, a Ph.D. scholar at Hyderabad Central University, and Payal Tadvi, a tribal student of Topiwala National Medical College, died by suicide in January 2016 and May 2019, respectively, after being subject to on-campus caste bias.

Seeking strict action: The court was hearing a petition filed by the mothers of Rohith Vemula and Payal Tadvi. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

The draft Regulations describe its objective as the eradication of discrimination on the basis of religion, race, sex, place of birth, or caste, particularly against the members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, socially and educationally backward classes, economically weaker sections, or any of them, and to promote full equity and inclusion amongst the stakeholders in higher education institutions (HEI).

If non-compliance is established, an HEI can be debarred from participating in UGC schemes or from offering degrees, open and distance learning and online programmes. The draft Regulations also give the UGC power to remove errant HEIs from the list of recognised universities maintained under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956. It has proposed the imposition of Section 12B (prohibition on the grant of funds to universities) on HEIs found unfit under the draft Regulations.

The Regulations also allow the UGC to take "additional punitive actions" on a case-to-case basis.

Ms. Jaising said there have been at least 18 deaths by suicides in HEIs in the past 14 months.

Mr. Mehta said the draft Regulations of 2025 takes care of the lacuna by proposing 'Equity Committees' in HEIs with members drawn from civil society, students and faculty. The draft legislation showed one member to be a woman and one member each from the SC and ST category. Justice Kant assured that the top court was dedicated to facilitating the creation of a robust mechanism to prevent and stop discrimination.

"There have been violations. The compliance is low. Probably it may have been due to the lack of sufficient teeth and power for the UGC. Once UGC's hands are strengthened, especially to cancel the recognition of HEIs, things will start moving in the right direction," Justice Kant addressed Ms. Jaising.

Ms. Jaising said the IITs and the IIMs and some of the national law schools had not even responded to a communication by the UGC, on the basis of January 3 order of the court, seeking data on the Equal Opportunity Cells set up by the HEIs.

Interest on provident fund deposits to be retained at 8.25%

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Mansukh Mandaviya

The Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, which met on Friday, recommended that the current annual rate of interest of 8.25% on provident fund deposits could be retained for accumulations in members' accounts for 2024-25 too. Trade union representatives had demanded an increase in the interest rate.

"The interest rate would be officially notified by the Government of India, following which EPFO would credit the rate of interest into the subscribers' accounts," the Union Labour Ministry said in a release after the meeting, chaired by Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

The meeting also discussed the demand for increasing the minimum pension and increasing the slab for contributions towards employees pension scheme.

The CBT asked the EPFO to prepare a detailed report on both the issues. On higher pension, the CBT was briefed that 72% of the applications had been processed.

'Not prudent'

R. Karumalaiyan, representative of the Centre of Trade Unions (CITU) in the CBT, told *The Hindu* that he demanded a hike in the interest rate to at least 8.5%, but the Centre refused. It is learnt that Mr. Mandaviya told the meeting that it will not be prudent to increase the rate at present as the Reserve Bank of India recently reduced the repo rate to control inflation and he advised the panel to wait so that the measures taken by the government to ease inflation start giving results.

The Ministry said that compared with many other fixed-income instruments, the EPF offered relatively high and stable returns, ensuring steady growth of savings.

The CBT also approved modifications to the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) scheme.

"A minimum life insurance benefit of ₹50,000 will be provided in cases where an EPF member dies without completing one year of continuous service," the Ministry said. If a member passes away within six months of their last contribution received, the EDLI benefit will be admissible, provided the member's name is not stuck off from rolls.

Manage lifestyle to beat high BP, urge doctors

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Hypertension is among the top five risk factors for cardiovascular diseases but it can be managed, V. Jacob Jose, consultant cardiologist with Naruvi Hospital, Vellore, said on Friday.

Citing a study by the Indian Hypertension Control Initiative, launched by the Indian Council of Medical Research, Dr. Jose said that one in four Indian adults has high blood pressure and over half of those affected were unaware of their condition. He added that only 10% of those with hypertension have managed to keep it under control.

At *The Hindu*'s webinar on "Blood Pressure: What You Need to Know", presented in collaboration with Naruvi Hospitals, Vellore, Dr. Jose said that regular monitoring for hypertension was important as it was a silent killer.

The webinar was the fifth episode in a series of 15 under the "Healthy India, Happy India" initiative aimed at promoting well-being.

Fluctuation in blood pressure laid stress on organs, Dr. Jose explained. About 20% of those affected are able to lower the BP levels through diet and regular exercise.

V. Chockalingam, Professor Emeritus of Cardiology at Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University, Chennai, recommended working on a positive frame of mind. Positive thinking, healthy eating, and exercise could stave off hypertension, he said. "Live in the now, live life better and in balance. When your heart beats fast, life ends faster," he said.

The definition of hypertension has been evolving over the decades due to learning from various trials, said T. R. Muralidharan, Director of Cardiac Sciences at SRM Global Hospital, SRM University, Chennai. Earlier, a reading of 140/90 was considered normal but now there are several classifications under day and night readings of non-elevated, intermediary, and elevated BP readings, he said.

Regular check-up

Dr. Muralidharan recommended BP, cholesterol, and diabetes check-up every five years from the age of 20.

"After 40, people should go for annual check-up," he stressed and advised a healthy diet, daily salt intake within five grams, seven hours of sleep every day, and controlling weight and waist circumference.

K. Suresh Kumar, consultant interventional cardiologist from Naruvi Hospitals, spoke about the correct ways of measuring BP at home and the importance of ambulatory readings done in hospitals. He said that 6% of the BP measuring devices available in the market were clinically validated and suggested that people visit *www.validatebp.org* to pick up the right device.

"For measuring BP at home, the cuff can be put on any arm at the heart level, the person should sit quietly for five minutes with proper back and leg support and two readings taken in one session for three to seven days," he said. If the readings at home were more than 135/85, it could be considered high BP and required a doctor's intervention, he said.

(The webinar is available at newsth.live/bpwebinar)

BJP, Congress trade charges as trial incineration of Union Carbide waste begins in M.P.

Mehul Malpani
BHOPAL

The incineration process, which began on Friday, is likely to be completed in 72 hours, said an official

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and State Congress president Jitu Patwari on Friday engaged in a war of words after the incineration of the Union Carbide's 40-year-old toxic waste began at a facility in Pithampur, as part of the first trial run allowed by the High Court.

Mr. Patwari alleged that the ruling BJP had given "cancer" to the future generations as he claimed that "cancer-causing elements" would be found in the groundwater in areas around the facility in Pithampur. In response, Mr. Yadav charged that the Congress had "distributed death" during the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy and termed the waste as "Congress's garbage".

Burning of a 10-tonne batch began at the private facility in Pithampur, near Indore, in the early hours of Friday after the preparations were complete, shortly after the top court refused to intervene in the High Court's order.

Swatantra Kumar Singh, Director, Bhopal Gas Tragedy Relief and Rehabilitation Department, said the process was likely to be completed in 72 hours.

Demanding a test of groundwater in a 10-km radius around the facility in Indore, Mr. Patwari said: "I once again challenge the Chief Minister and the entire system of the State BJP government. If there is no poison in the Union Carbide waste, then get the groundwater tested within a 10-km radius around the Ramky company [parent group of the facility]. If cancer-causing elements are not found, I will publicly apologise."

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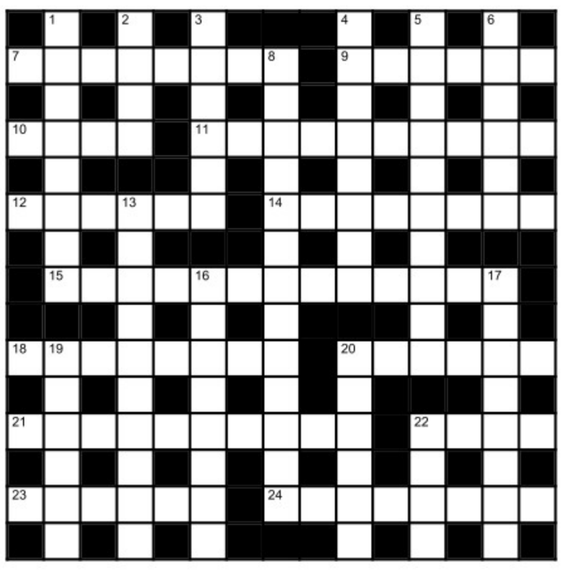

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Down

1 German University's unusual tour of Agra, ignoring capital city (8)
2 Wide and fashionable belt (4)
3 Courage of old American killed in war (6)
4 Cleaners collecting meat and waste material on board (8)
5 Cold drink nursed holds one secret (10)
6 Heavenly body's heavier, when picked up? (6)
8 Such a similar tactic finally used in stand-out party game? (7,6)
13 Spooner secures groups for prepacked meals (3,7)
16 Pump air without opening liquid cocktail (8)
17 Doctor greets us and waves (8)
19 Clothing for men lifting some design ultimately (6)
20 Rules for fraternities (6)
22 100 + 1 - A solid figure (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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7	2	5	4	6	8	3	1	9
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FAITH

Virtuous life

Thiruvalluvar said that *ozhukkam* (good conduct) is more precious than life itself. Tamil literature stresses the need for good conduct, said Malayaman in a discourse. *Mudumozhikkanchi* says good conduct is more important than education. *Naanmadikkadikai* says that impeccable conduct is the best wealth one can possess.

Pazhamozhi (proverb) says the combination of good lineage and possession of virtues - when a person is born into a family of upright persons and he also follows in their footsteps - is like the presence of ghee in milk.

What is good conduct? Different Tamil works have defined it. Paying attention to education in one's youth, and respecting elders are necessary, says *Thrikatukam*. Not coveting the wealth of others, being generous to the needy, being patient even with those who harm us, being truthful always – these are qualities to aspire for, says *Yeladhi*. *Sirupanchamoolam* says that we should shun the friendship of wicked people and that we must never use harsh words. *Thrikatukam* says that a man who does not protect his wife, a man whose friends are undesirable, and one who uses indecent language may be said to be a man of bad conduct. *Yeladhi* gives a list of qualities in a good man. He is not egoistic. He does not frown upon the arrival of guests. He does not mock the poor. He feeds the hungry before he eats, says *Yeladhi*. *Achara-k-kovai* says we should be grateful to those who have helped us; we must learn to forgive those who harm us; we must lead a life that benefits others too. Seeking the company of good people and analysing the advice that good literature gives us – these constitute a virtuous life, says *Innilai*.

INBRIEF

Bajaj Auto unveils electric autorickshaw range GoGO

Bajaj Auto Ltd. has unveiled the GoGo range of its all-new electric autorickshaws. The two variants launched are P5009 at ₹3,26,797 and P7012 at ₹3,83,004 (ex-showroom Delhi). "With a certified range of up to 251 km and segment-first features Bajaj GOGO will provide comprehensive solutions to customers looking to maximise earnings and minimise hassle of downtime and maintenance," Samardeep Subandh, president, Intra City Business Unit, Bajaj Auto Ltd said.

SEBI unveils centralised portal for corporate bonds

Markets regulator SEBI has launched a centralised database portal – Bond Central – for corporate bonds in a bid to create a single, authentic source of information on such securities. The portal has been developed by Online Bond Platform Providers Association and Market Infrastructure Institutions. The database is expected to enhance transparency and facilitate informed decision making among investors and other market participants. PTI

Maharashtra to offer citizen services via WhatsApp

The Government of Maharashtra on Friday announced a tie-up with Meta (formerly Facebook) to provide citizen services via WhatsApp on a single number, benefitting about 125 million citizens. The chatbot, 'Aaple Sarkar', will be available in three languages – Marathi, English, and Hindi – and will offer service through both text and voice. The chatbot will offer various services to farmers and citizens across Maharashtra.

Markets tumble on Trump tariff threat

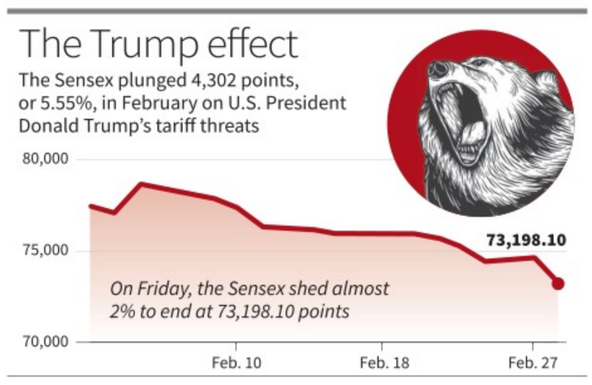
BSE Sensex plunged 1,414 points, led by a fall in IT, banking and auto stocks; NSE's Nifty-50 index slumped 1.86% points, falling for the eighth consecutive session, marking its steepest single-session slide since October 3, 2024 in percentage terms

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Benchmark stock indices on Friday crashed almost 2% mirroring a global market meltdown precipitated by fresh tariffs on China unleashed by U.S. President Donald Trump.

The S&P BSE Sensex plunged 1,414 points, or 1.90%, to 73,198 led by a fall in IT, banking and auto stocks.

The top Sensex losers included Tech Mahindra (6.19%), IndusInd Bank (5.48%), M&M (5.21%), Bharti Airtel (4.86%), Titan (4.57%) and Infosys (4.32%).



Mirroring the same sentiment, the Nifty-50 index of NSE slumped 420 points, or 1.86%, to 22,125 points.

Devarsh Vakil, Head, Prime Research, HDFC Securities, said Nifty fell for the eighth consecutive session, marking its steepest single-session slide since October 3, 2024, in percentage terms.

"The index recorded a weekly decline of 2.94% and a monthly drop of 5.89%, registering its fifth straight month of losses. The Nifty has now fallen almost 16% from its all-time high of 26,277," he said.

Deteriorating sentiment

"Investor sentiment deteriorated due to escalating concerns about a global trade war. President Trump announced 25% tariffs on European Union imports, confirmed that duties on Canadian and Mexican imports will take effect on March 4 –earlier than the previously indicated April 2 date – and declared an additional 10% tariff on Chinese goods," he added.

Cash market volumes on the NSE increased by 63% compared with the previous day and declining stocks outnumbered advancing ones for the fifth consecutive session, with the BSE advance-decline ratio at 0.24 – the lowest since February 14, 2025.

Both mid-cap and small-cap indices extended their underperformance for the fifth consecutive day.

Indian digital economy ranked 28th on user spending: report

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Even as India is the third largest economy in the world, its 'user' economy ranks 28th in the world, according to a report.

"This means while India as a country has achieved high level digitalisation at the aggregate level, the level of digitalisation for the average Indian remains fairly modest," the report by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations' (ICRIER) Prosus Centre for Internet and Digital Economy (CIDE) said.

The density of Internet connectivity, which is comparable with other countries, is therefore not as high as the relative size of the digital economy as far as users' spending is concerned. This stark disparity notwithstanding, the CIDE says that there is much potential for greater investments to improve investments in digital penetration. "In fact, India's digital economy is growing at twice the rate of its overall economy, and is expected to become one fifth of the economy by 2029," the CIDE said, echoing a similar finding by another ICRIER report released with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in January.

Overall, the report uses a 'CHIPS' framework to conclude that while India is the third largest overall economy, and the 28th largest digital user economy; it ranks eighth in an overall combination of these two ranking systems. The framework uses criteria like access quality and AI readiness.

Core sector output growth slowed to 4.6% in January

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Core sector output growth slowed to 4.6% in January 2025 from 4.8% in December 2024, according to commerce ministry data.

Cement output increased the most to 14.5%. Barring crude oil and natural gas, where output fell by 1.1% and 1.5% respectively, other sectors registered growth. The electricity sector registered a growth rate of 1.3% in January from 6.2% a month ago. The eight core sectors contribute 40.27% to the Index of Industrial Production, which measures overall industrial growth. The performance of core sectors in the reporting month was largely on account of base effects, said Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis.

India must hasten reforms to speed up growth: World Bank

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Past achievements provide the foundation for India's future ambitions, says the bank.

India would need to grow by 7.8% on an average over the next 22 years to achieve the country's aspirations of reaching high-income status by 2047, said the World Bank in a report released on Friday.

Achieving this target is possible, however, getting there will require reforms and their implementation to be as ambitious as the target itself, the bank said in the report titled: *India-Country Economic Memorandum: 'Becoming a High-Income Economy in a Generation.'*

Recognising India's fast pace of growth averaging 6.3% between 2000 and 2024, the bank observed India's past achievements provide the foundation for its future ambitions.

Global integration

"Lessons from countries like Chile, Korea and Poland show how they have successfully made the transition from middle- to high-income countries by deepening integration into the global economy," said Auguste Tano Kouame, World Bank Country Director adding, "India can chart its own path by stepping up pace of reforms and building on past achievements."

The Bank said, the scenario that will enable India to reach high-income status in a generation, would requires a) achieving faster and inclusive growth across States; b) increasing total investments from the current 33.5% GDP to 40% (both in real terms) by 2035; c) increasing overall labour force participation from 56.4% to above 65% and d) accelerating overall productivity growth.

"India can take advantage of its demographic dividend by investing in human capital, creating enabling conditions for more and better jobs and raising female labour force participation rates from 35.6% to 50% by 2047," said Emilia Skrok and Rangeet Ghosh, co-authors of the report.

In the past three fiscal years, India has accelerated its average growth rate to 7.2%. To attain an average growth rate of 7.8% (in real terms) over the next two decades, the Country Economic Memorandum recommends four areas for policy action viz. increasing investment, fostering an environment to create more and better jobs, promoting structural transformation, trade participation, technology adoption and enabling States to grow faster and together.

Sugar production drops 14% on lower output

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

Sugar production between October 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025 touched 219.78 lakh tonne or 14% less than the sugar produced during the same period in the 2023-2024 sugar season on lower output from mills.

According to the Indian Sugar and Bio Energy Manufacturers Association, sugar production after diversion for ethanol from October 1, 2023 to February 28, 2024 stood at 256.16 lakh tonne.

The Association said while 466 sugar factories operated as of February 28 last year, only 355 are in operation now.

The sucrose percentage in plant cane in U.P. improved and reached near the same level as in the last season. This was expected to offset lower sugar recovery seen in the past five months of the season.

A.P. Moller-Maersk commits to invest $5 billion in Indian port infrastructure

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

A.P. Moller-Maersk (Maersk) said it would invest about $5 billion in ports and terminals as well as land-side infrastructure development in India.

Addressing a gathering after the naming ceremony of its latest dual-fuel methanol container vessel at APM Terminal, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) here, Keith Svendsen, CEO, APM Terminals said, "we are ready to invest more in developing ports with low emissions and great efficiency that will help businesses grow and connect India with the global markets."

The vessel, Albert Maersk, is the 11th in its fleet and capable of operating on methanol, a green fuel, as part of it's commitment to Net Zero by 2040.

At a traditional naming ceremony, Union Minister Raksha Khadse turned godmother for the vessel which was on it's maiden voyage to India.

"Maersk continues to take firm steps toward decarbonising shipping with the addition of one more dual-fuel vessel to its fleet", said Vincent Clerc, CEO, A.P. Moller - Maersk.

In his address, Union Shipping & Ports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said, "With the demand for green vessels rising, India has the potential to become a major producer and supplier of green methanol, ammonia, and hydrogen-based fuels."

"Maersk's decision to focus on green fuel production in India is a welcome step that will accelerate our journey toward a sustainable maritime future. This vessel naming is more than just a tradition–it is a symbol of trust, collaboration, and a shared vision for the future," he added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	73,198	-1.90
US Dollar	87.37	-0.21
Gold	87,700	-0.56
Brent oil	73.15	-0.86

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2096.00	-14.95
Adani Ports	1069.40	-9.55
Apollo Hosp	6052.60	-132.60
Asian Paints	2179.75	-33.90
Axis Bank	1015.55	-1.15
Bajaj Auto	7902.90	-329.45
Bajaj Finserv	1872.30	-53.25
Bajaj Finance	8530.30	-175.10
Bharat Elec	246.25	-6.20
Bharti Airtel	1570.20	-80.20
BPCL	237.30	-7.45
Britannia Ind	4595.45	-187.35
Cipla	1407.50	-33.65
Coal India	369.35	5.50
Dr Reddys Lab	1116.50	-9.05
Eicher Motors	4773.60	-161.90
Grasim Ind	2306.65	-33.30
HCL Tech	1575.05	-54.15
HDFC Bank	1732.40	31.70
HDFC Life	608.50	-9.90
Hero MotoCorp	3681.10	-78.45
Hindalco	634.35	2.40
Hind Unilever	2190.25	-54.70
ICICI Bank	1204.10	-18.35
IndusInd Bank	990.10	-56.60
Infosys	1687.70	-76.60
ITC	395.00	-6.60
JSW Steel	950.70	-24.30
Kotak Bank	1902.95	-44.60
L&T	3163.85	-45.65
M&M	2585.10	-141.45
Maruti Suzuki	11945.85	-434.75
NestleIndia	2189.65	-88.55
NTPC	311.45	-4.25
ONGC	225.25	-5.75
PowerGrid Corp	250.85	-5.40
Reliance Ind	1200.10	-7.00
SBI Life	1430.50	-39.25
State Bank	688.80	-15.10
Shriram Finance Ltd.	617.30	10.50
Sun Pharma	1593.25	-54.25
TataConsumerProduct	963.70	-44.30
Tata Motors	620.65	-27.90
Tata Steel	137.20	-1.49
TCS	3483.25	-129.30
Tech Mahindra	1487.85	-100.40
Titan	3077.25	-145.85
Trent Ltd.	4851.55	46.25
UltraTech Cement	10128.45	-319.20
Wipro	277.65	-16.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on February 28

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	87.30	87.62
Euro	90.82	91.16
British Pound	109.94	110.35
Japanese Yen (100)	57.99	58.21
Chinese Yuan	11.99	12.04
Swiss Franc	96.82	97.19
Singapore Dollar	64.73	64.98
Canadian Dollar	60.47	60.69
Malaysian Ringitt	19.55	19.65
Australian Dollar	54.27	54.47

Source:Indian Bank

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
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Short Term Notice Inviting Bid (53/2024-25)

Bids for collection of user fee on "Losal-Salasar-Ratangarh section of SH-07 & 92 Km 0+000 (Losal) to Km 32+321 (Nechhwa) and Km 45+968 (Salasar) to Km 91+995 (Ratangarh)" are invited from interested bidders upto 11.30 AM on 03.03.2025. Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state. The estimated value of Annual Remittance is **Rs. 5,73,22,796/-**

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NIT No. 15/2024-25

Online tenders are hereby invited in two envelope system, on behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan for the following works from eligible enlisted contractor / firm as per PWF & AR part II appendix 16 dated 1.7.1999 and amendment issued by concerned department up to date and meeting eligibility criteria. Contractors enlisted with other department of GoR and listed in CPWD, postal, telecom, railway, MES, other state govt./central govt. undertaking/organization equivalent to AA class of Rajasthan meeting eligibility criteria may also apply after giving prescribed earnest money. Details of this tender notification and pre qualification criteria can also be seen in NIT exhibited on web site www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http//sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, in electronic format on website http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.
The cost of tender document, RISL fee & earnest money as specified in detailed NIT, must be deposited online through single challan on web portal "http//egras.raj.nic.in" in budget head of account as specified in detailed NIT.

NIB No.	UBN No.	Estt Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	EMD (2%)	Bid Cost (Rs.)	EPROC Fee (RS.)	Completion Period
15/2024-25	PHE2425W-LOB09866	6617.45	13234910.0	25000.00	2500.0	24 Months

Availability of Bid Document	14-02-2025 03:00 PM
Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting	21-02-2025 3:00 PM
Bid Submission Start Date	22-02-2025 3:00 PM
Last date & time for Online Download of Bid	24-03-2025 5:00 PM
Last date & time for Online Submission of Bid	24-03-2025 6:00 PM
Last date & time for physical Submission of Bid Security and other mandatory Documents	25-03-2025 11:00 AM
Date of online opening of Technical Bids	25-03-2025 3:00 PM

Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal-http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in of the state, and PHED department website.

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No: NCESS/P&GA/9424/05/2025 Date:28.02.2025

RECRUITMENT

NCESS conducts walk-in interview on **11.03.2025** at its campus in Thiruvananthapuram, for the post of **Project Associate II (Finance)** and **Scientific Administrative Assistant** on contract basis. Please visit website for details. Further changes, if any, will be notified through website only.

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शैक्षणिक सत्र 2025-26 के स्नातक पाठ्यक्रमों में प्रवेश हेतु विज्ञप्ति

विश्वविद्यालय विद्या परिषद की 163वीं बैठक (संचलन के माध्यम दिनांक 24/02/2025) में लिये गये निर्णयानुसार राजस्थान स्वास्थ्य विज्ञान विश्वविद्यालय, जयपुर के संघटक तथा सम्बद्ध राजकीय/स्व–वित्त पोषित/निजी क्षेत्र के महाविद्यालयों में संचालित निम्नलिखित स्नातक पाठ्यक्रमों में शैक्षणिक सत्र 2025–26 के लिए प्रवेश प्रक्रिया निम्नानुसार सम्पादित की जायेगी–

Name of Course(s)	Mode of Admission
(1) B.Sc. Nursing Course	राष्ट्रीय परीक्षा एजेन्सी, भारत सरकार द्वारा आयोजित राष्ट्रीय पात्रता सह प्रवेश परीक्षा (नीट–यूजी) (National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (UG) NEET-2025 के प्राप्तांकों के आधार पर विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा सम्पन्न की जाने वाली ऑनलाईन काउन्सलिंग प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से अभ्यार्थियों की मेरिट–कम–च्वाईस (Merit- cum-choice) के आधार पर प्रवेश की कार्यवाही की जायेगी।
(2) Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT) Course	
(3) Paramedical UG Courses (i) Bachelor of Radiation Technology (BRT) (ii) Bachelor of Medical Lab. Technology (B.Sc. MLT)	

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LONDON

Starmer to host Ukraine summit tomorrow; NATO leaders to attend

REUTERS

U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer will host a Sunday summit with over 45 European leaders to bolster support for Ukraine and discuss security. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy will attend, alongside NATO and EU leaders. Talks will address military aid, economic pressure on Russia, and lasting peace. AFP

ISTANBUL

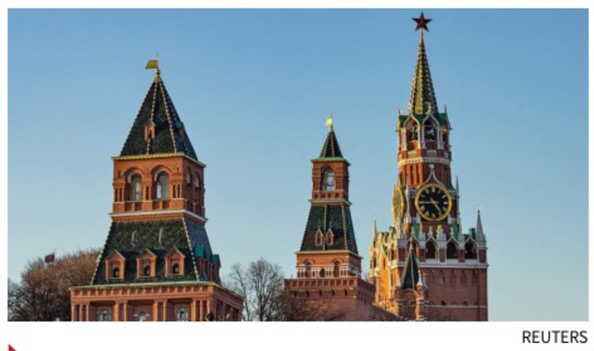
Erdogan says PKK leader's call to disband a 'historic opportunity'

REUTERS

Turkiye's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Friday said that Abdullah Ocalan's appeal for his Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) to disband and disarm was a "historic opportunity". He added that Turkiye would "keep a close watch" to make sure the talks to end the insurgency were "brought to a successful conclusion". AFP

MOSCOW

Russia arrests two over alleged plot to kill Putin-linked priest



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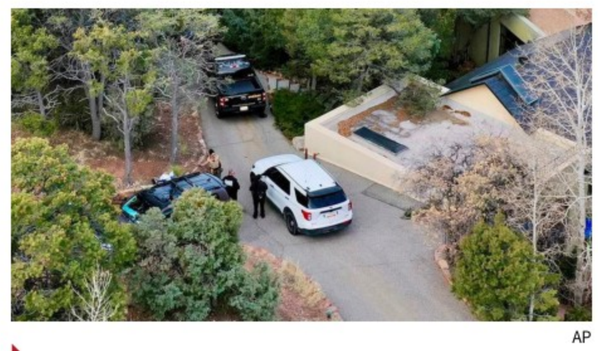
Russia's FSB on Friday said it arrested two church figures for allegedly plotting to assassinate Tikhon Shevkunov, 66, whom Russian media have described for years as "Putin's confessor", under Ukrainian intelligence orders. The suspects reportedly planned to bomb Mr. Shevkunov's residence. REUTERS

LOS ANGELES

Police probing 'suspicious' deaths of Gene Hackman and his wife



AP

Authorities will provide on Friday an update about their investigation into the deaths of Oscar-winning cinema giant Gene Hackman and his wife. They called the deaths "suspicious" but found no external trauma or signs of foul play. Carbon monoxide and toxicology results are pending investigation. AFP

You're gambling with World War III, Trump tells Zelenskyy at Oval Office

U.S. President and Ukrainian leader clash in a heated shouting match during their meeting at White House, with Trump demanding a peace deal with Russia or threatening to withdraw U.S. support, while accusing Zelenskyy of being ungrateful

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

At wits' end: Volodymyr Zelenskyy with Donald Trump and J.D. Vance in the Oval Office of the White House on Friday. REUTERS

U.S. President Donald Trump and Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy clashed in an extraordinary shouting match in the Oval Office on Friday, leaving efforts to end the war with Russia hanging in the balance.

"You're either going to make a deal or we're out," a furious Trump told Mr. Zelenskyy, as a meeting that was meant to ease tensions over the sudden U.S. outreach to Russia ended up inflaming them.

"You're gambling with the lives of millions of people. You're gambling with World War Three, and what you're doing is very disrespectful to this country," Mr. Trump added.

Mr. Zelenskyy was at the White House to sign a deal on sharing Ukraine's mineral riches and discuss a peace deal with Russia, despite the U.S. President recently branding his Ukrainian counterpart a dictator.

The meeting came after a week-long diplomatic dance that has also seen the leaders of France and Britain come to the White House to persuade Mr. Trump not to abandon Kyiv.

But tempers frayed after Vice President J.D. Vance said that "diplomacy" was needed to end the war. Mr. Zelenskyy asked "what kind of diplomacy" and Mr. Vance then accused him of being "disrespectful" in the President's office.

Mr. Trump then backed up his Vice President as the leaders argued about whether the U.S. had failed to stop Mr. Putin after the 2014 annexation of Crimea, and the situation became increasingly tense.

"You're not acting at all thankful," Mr. Trump said.

"It's going to be a very hard thing to do business like this," Mr. Trump said. "It's going to be a tough deal to make because the attitudes have to change."

The U.S. leader has demanded a deal granting Washington preferential access to Ukraine's rare-earth and other natural resources as the price for any continued backing – even though he has refused to commit to giving Kyiv security guarantees.

Suicide bomb blast in Pak. kills top cleric and 5 others

Associated Press
PESHAWAR

Terror strike: The site of an explosion in a mosque within a pro-Taliban seminary in Akora Khattak on Friday. AP

A suicide bomber blew himself up after walking into a mosque within a pro-Taliban seminary in northwestern Pakistan on Friday, killing a top cleric and five other worshippers and wounding dozens of others ahead of the fasting month of Ramadan, according to local police.

The blast occurred in Akora Khattak, a district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, said district police chief Abdul Rashid. He named Hamidul Haq, who is the head of a faction of the Jamiat-e-Ulema Islam (JUI) party, as being among the dead. No group has immediately claimed responsibility.

Haq is the son of Maulana Samiul Haq, known as the "father of the Taliban," who was killed in a knife attack at his home in 2018.

Haq's family confirmed he was killed in Friday's attack and appealed to his followers to remain peaceful. He was also in charge of the Jamia Haqqania seminary, where many Afghan Taliban had studied in the past two decades.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif condemned the attack.

Separately on Friday, a roadside bomb exploded near a vehicle carrying security forces in the southwestern Pakistani city of Quetta, wounding 10 people, including two soldiers, police and officials said. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing.

Bottom-trawling must end, C.V. Wigneswaran tells Stalin

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Since January, the Sri Lankan Navy has arrested over 100 Indian fishermen on charges of illegal fishing. MEERA SRINIVASAN

Ending the destructive bottom-trawling method of fishing would safeguard the livelihoods of ordinary fishermen in Tamil Nadu and northern Sri Lanka, former Chief Minister of Sri Lanka's Northern Provincial Council C.V. Wigneswaran has said, urging Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin to act on the long-persisting problem.

In a letter to Mr. Stalin, shared by Mr. Wigneswaran's office with the media on Thursday, the former CM, former Jaffna parliamentarian, and retired Supreme Court judge said bottom trawling – which virtually scoops out fish, shrimps, eggs, other marine organisms from the seabed – had already severely impacted the marine resources along the Tamil Nadu coast. Recalling his engagement on the matter while in office, Mr. Wigneswaran said it was clear that if the fishing practice continued, the resources along Sri Lanka's coastlines would be "completely wiped out".

Since January 2025, the Sri Lankan Navy has arrested over 100 Indian fishermen on charges of illegal fishing in Sri Lanka's territorial waters. Last weekend, 32 fishermen from Rameswaram were arrested, while five boats were seized, prompting Tamil Nadu fishermen to go on a strike.

For many years now, war-affected Tamil fishermen in northern Sri Lanka have been flagging a depleting catch, owing to overfishing by Indian trawlers. Further, the trawl boats frequently damage Sri Lankan fishermen's modest fishing gear and nets, bought with their sole savings.

Along the Tamil Nadu coast, especially in Rameswaram and Nagapattinam, thousands of registered fishing boats are used for bottom-trawling, including in the Palk Bay. The owners of these expensive fishing vessels engage daily-wage fishermen to go on the boats and bring back the catch, to which their day's earnings are tied.

Sri Lanka banned bottom trawling in 2017 but in some fishing hamlets a few, relatively well-off fishermen continue to use trawl boats to maximise their catch and profits, often sparking local conflicts. "I am aware that many of the owners of bottom trawlers in both our countries are politically well connected. But I think there could be a way to end this problem without affecting their business, in the interest of poverty-stricken fisherfolk on both sides," Mr. Wigneswaran said, urging Mr. Stalin to work with New Delhi on the issue.

It is nearly a decade since the governments of India and Sri Lanka agreed to jointly address the Palk Bay fishing conflict, with a commitment to "expediting the transition towards ending the practice of bottom trawling at the earliest". However, little has changed since, according to northern Sri Lankan fishermen, whose livelihoods have faced further setbacks in the post-war years, during the pandemic and in the wake of Sri Lanka's crushing economic meltdown. In 2022, northern Sri Lankan fishermen wrote to Mr. Stalin, seeking a "progressive" solution to the fisheries conflict that affects fisherfolk in Tamil Nadu and war-hit northern Sri Lanka, and "threatens the historically strong relationship" shared by the two Tamil communities.

Meanwhile, Vanni district MP Thurairasa Ravikaran of the Ilankai Tamil Arasu Katchi (ITAK) recently moved an adjournment motion in the Sri Lankan Parliament, urging the Anura Kumara Dissanayake administration to take steps to end illegal fishing.

The motion was seconded by his party colleague and Batticaloa MP Shanakiyan Rasamanickam, who said many from Sri Lanka's northern fishing community voted for the ruling National People's Power in the 2024 parliamentary polls, in the hope that it would decisively end illegal fishing. The MPs did not name India, but made a general observation on illegal fishing, including by Sri Lankan fishermen.

Investigation by Israel Army finds failures on October 7

Associated Press
TEL AVIV

An investigation by the Israeli military has determined that Hamas was able to carry out the deadliest attack in Israeli history on October 7, 2023, because the much more powerful Israeli Army misjudged the militant group's intentions and underestimated its capabilities.

The findings, released on Thursday, could pressure Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to launch a widely demanded broader inquiry to examine the political decision-making that preceded the attack.

A central misconception was that Hamas, which seized control of Gaza from the Palestinian Authority in 2007, was more interested in governing the territory than fighting Israel, the inquiry found.

China's Xi meets Russian security chief in Beijing

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday met top Russian security official Sergei Shoigu in Beijing.

Speaking to Mr. Shoigu, Mr. Xi called China and Russia "friendly neighbours" and said the two sides would "maintain close communication at all levels", adding that the countries would this year implement a "series of important agendas".

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ANOTHER MILESTONE

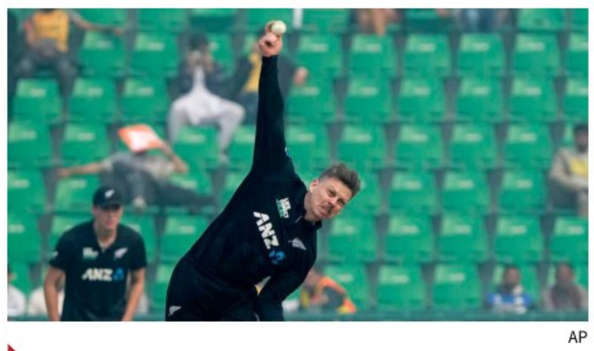
Kohli set for 300th one-dayer, Bracewell in awe of star batter

REUTERS

Virat Kohli could play his 300th ODI against New Zealand on Sunday and his former IPL teammate Michael Bracewell had some glowing praise for the star India batter. "I think that's a massive achievement. Three hundred games across a career is very impressive and then to put that in just one format is amazing."

UNPERTURBED

NZ not concerned about India playing all games in Dubai



AP

Amidst a growing debate about whether India has an unfair advantage by playing all its games at Dubai, New Zealand all-rounder Michael Bracewell said his side isn't concerned about it. "Oh, look, it is what it is. It's been decided, and that's the way it is. There's no point in dwelling on that."

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Buttler quits as England white-ball captain after CT failure

GETTY IMAGES

Jos Buttler said on Friday he would step down as England's white-ball captain after a disastrous Champions Trophy campaign ended with the side failing to reach the semifinals. "I'm going to stand down as England captain, it's the right decision for me and the team," the 34-year-old said at a press conference.

FAVOURITE

South Africa takes on England with a foot in semifinals

AFP

South Africa meets England in the final Group B match of the Champions Trophy in Karachi on Saturday. Both the Proteas and Afghanistan have three points each. However, South Africa is the favourite to advance to the semifinals along with Australia. The Proteas have a net run rate of 2.14 compared to the Afghans' -0.99.

Men in Blue keen to keep best XI fully fit for semifinal clash

Juggling act: Pant could get a look in against the Kiwis while Gill will be eager to continue his fine run at the top of the order. PTI

S. Dipak Ragav
DUBAI

Ahead of the final group game against New Zealand in the Champions Trophy, India trained for close to three hours here at the ICC Academy on Friday with the team opting to rest on the eve of the match.

India has had a week-long break since its match against Pakistan last Sunday but will have two games in three days as the Men in Blue will play in the first semifinal on Tuesday (March 4).

Skipper Rohit Sharma seemed to have some discomfort in his hamstring during the encounter against the arch-rival, and he did not bat in the training session two days ago. On Friday, the 37-year-old was among the first to stride into the nets and batted for nearly an hour. Considering the short turnaround time between the two games, it will be interesting to see if the team opts to test the bench strength.

Assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate said the focus is on getting everyone fit for the semifinal but stopped short of indicating if anyone will be rested for the contest against the Kiwis.

"We have had a few days off and had two tough sessions. The priority is to have our best guys available for the second game and fully fit. But we also don't want to rest them for another two days. So to get that balance, we might try to share the bowling a bit," he said.

"We want to win against New Zealand and it is important to keep momentum going and top the group. So it is a balance of those two things I just mentioned for the selection to be thought about."

He also said that Rohit's injury was something the batter has had for a while but is on top of it and managing it well.

Rahul says he is ready for the new challenge

The India 'keeper-batter says he is aware of the competition with Pant but believes in staying true to his strengths and sticking to his game; reveals how he trains to adapt to conditions

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

S. Dipak Ragav
DUBAI

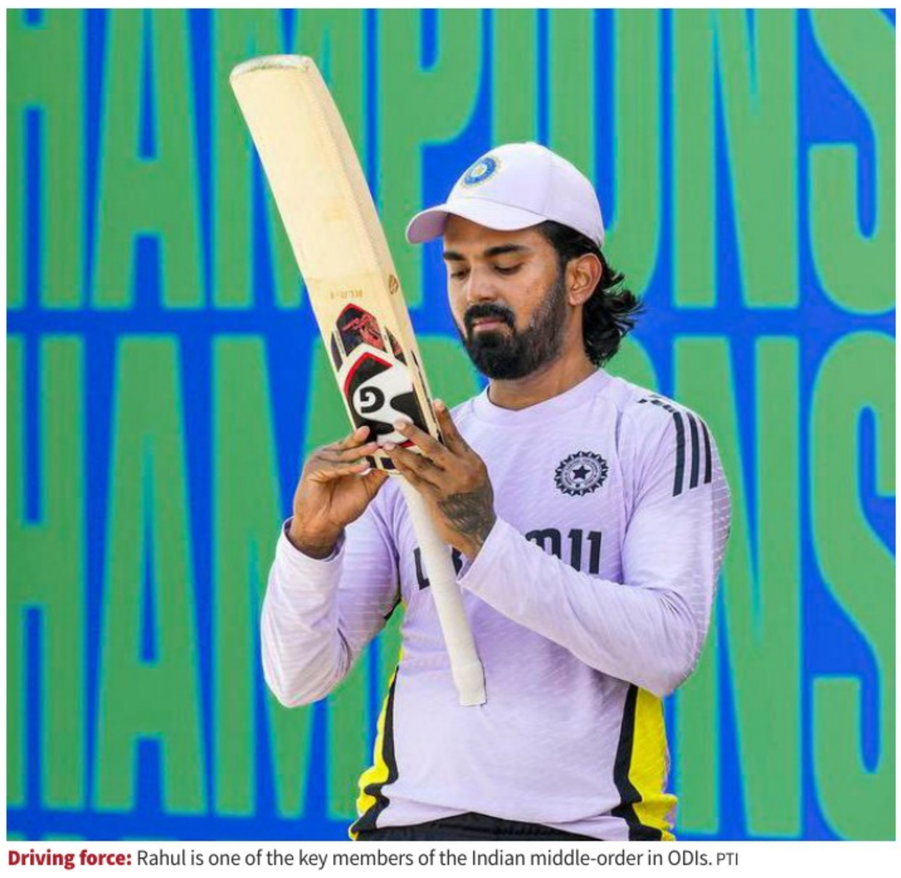
K.L. Rahul has been one of the pillars of India's middle-order batting in ODIs in the last few years and has owned the No. 5 spot. However, in recent times, as the Men in Blue have looked to mix things up by having a left-right combo, Rahul has often had to come down a position or two to accommodate Axar Patel at five.

In the opening encounter against Bangladesh, Rahul scored a vital unbeaten 41 (47b) when the team was in slight trouble at 144 for four chasing 229.

The 32-year-old, who also dons the big gloves, said he was ready for the new challenge.

"It's never easy for anyone in the team to move different places. But that's how the game goes. Whatever the team thinks is the best possible combination and what they feel is the best entry point for the player, you leave it to them and just try to do your job," said Rahul ahead of India's final group game in the Champions Trophy against New Zealand on Sunday.

Giving an insight into how he has to adapt to the new role, Rahul revealed he looks to train with old balls and dry pitches to simulate the conditions in which he might get to bat.



Driving force: Rahul is one of the key members of the Indian middle-order in ODIs. PTI

"I might be walking in with eight or maybe 10 to 12 overs to go; not more than if we (have) batted well. So, I realised when I go in, I need to have that skill-set to go in and be able to hit sixes probably from ball one or play at a high strike rate."

"As soon as I go in (nets), I challenge myself to see if I can hit a six of the first couple of deliveries or boundaries. How many boundaries can I hit in the first 10 balls? That's more realistic to what I might get here. And that's the only way you give yourself the best chance to succeed and do what the team expects of you," he added.

With Rishabh Pant in the squad as the second wicketkeeper, Rahul is aware of the competition but believes in staying true to his strengths.

"There is – I won't lie," said Rahul about not having a lot of margin of error considering the competition for his spot. "I mean, he's a talented player and shown how aggressive he is and how quickly he can change the game.

The temptation

"There's always the temptation for the team (captain or coach) to play one of us. But if given the opportunity, I try and see what I can do best. I am not trying to compete with Rishabh or trying to play like him. So, I try to do what I do best and stick to my game."

'NZ will approach India game as a knockout tie'

Clinical unit: The Kiwis have had plenty to rejoice in their campaign so far. REUTERS

S. Dipak Ragav
DUBAI

Though Sunday's final Group A fixture between India and New Zealand is largely inconsequential considering both teams have qualified for the semifinals of the Champions Trophy, Kiwi all-rounder Michael Bracewell believes in approaching the game as a knockout tie.

"I think it's always a challenge getting through to the semifinals and then once you get there it's a one-off match and then another one-off match. I think if we can look at this like another play-off match then we're going to put ourselves in a good position to win critical moments," said Bracewell, who took four for 26 against Bangladesh in the previous game and was adjudged the Player of the Match.

"Anytime you take on India at an ICC event, it's always a big occasion. We are excited, and if you can win, then it takes a lot of momentum through to that semifinal."

The off-spinner has been exceptional in Black Caps' first two games against Pakistan and Bangladesh, scalping five wickets while going at a miserly 3.20 runs per over. Bracewell, alongside skipper Mitchell Santner and fellow off-spinner Glenn Phillips could challenge India here where the surface has aided the tweakers.

Balanced outfit

The 34-year-old was also confident that New Zealand's squad has the depth to play in all conditions, considering they will return to Pakistan for the semifinals.

"I think we have a pretty well-balanced side to play in any conditions so hopefully we can continue to do that and adjust to what's in front of us. I think that's been the strength of our side; adjusting to the surface and throwing different looks at teams that are suited to that surface," he added.

Australia in semis after washout; Afghanistan's hopes suffer a jolt

Shayan Acharya
LAHORE

The Afghanistan fans turned up in large numbers at the Gaddafi Stadium on Friday, hoping for their team to stun Australia and strengthen its chances of reaching the Champions Trophy semifinals.

But heavy downpour dashed their hopes as Australia was assured of a spot in the last-four stage after the game was washed out, with Australia cruising at 109 for one in 12.5 overs, chasing a target of 274.

With points shared, Australia went up to four points, and if South Africa defeats England in its last group league fixture in Karachi on Saturday, it will top the group with five points.

However, a win for England will see Afghanistan and South Africa finish on three points each, and the net run rate (NRR) will come into play. But with a NRR of -0.99, Afghanistan's chances are bleak as South Africa maintains a superior NRR of 2.14.

In full flow: Head was on the rampage when rain put an abrupt end to the contest. AP

Not giving up

Afghanistan captain Hashmatullah Shahidi is still hoping against hope. "We still have hopes, hopefully England wins big (against South Africa)," he said.

For Afghanistan to qualify, England needs to win by a margin of over 207 runs for South Africa's NRR to slip below Afghanistan.

With the sun coming out earlier in the day, the chances of having a full game brightened, and a sublime knock of 67 by Azmatullah Omarzai (63b, 1x4, 5x6) guided Afghanistan to a fighting total after opting to bat. Even though it lost Rahmanullah Gurbaz early on, Sediq Attal (85; 95b, 6x4, 3x6) and Ibrahim Zadran rebuilt with a 67-run partnership before Zadran fell to Adam Zampa.

Even though wickets tumbled at the other end, Attal kept ticking along. Attal missed out a century as he fell to Spencer Johnson. But with Omarzai standing tall, Afghanistan put a competitive total on the board.

However, Matthew Short and Travis Head made the most of early reprieves to add 44 runs for the opening partnership, before Omarzai ended Short's stay at the crease.

But then, Head took the Afghan bowlers to the cleaners. The southpaw brought up a 34-ball-fifty before rain played spoilsport.

The scores:
Afghanistan 273 in 50 overs (Sediq Attal 85, Azmatullah Omarzai 67; Ben Dwarshuis 3/47) vs. Australia 109/1 in 12.5 overs (Travis Head 59 n.o.).
Match abandoned due to rain
Toss: Afghanistan.

Lanning, Shafali star in Delhi Capitals' statement win over Mumbai Indians

WPL

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Delhi Capitals (DC) outclassed a listless Mumbai Indians (MI) by nine wickets at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Friday to move to the top of the Women's Premier League (WPL) table.

DC (8 points) pushed MI (6) to the second spot.

The Delhi captain Meg Lanning took the winning template of inserting the opposition in to bat. The MI batters - lacking in intent - came a cropper. MI played out 54 dot balls in the innings, leading to an inadequate total of 123 for nine.

Trouble came early for MI, when Yastika Bhatia (11) failed for a fourth straight occasion. Hayley Mathews (22, 25b) and Natalie Sciver-Brunt (18, 22b), the star performers in the win over UP Warriorz a few days earlier, crawled along.

Meg's magic: Lanning hammered nine boundaries in her unbeaten 60 as Capitals cantered home. K. MURALI KUMAR

Captain Harmanpreet Kaur (22, 16b, 2x4, 1x6) was the only one to get a move on. Harmanpreet's dismissal, brought about by accurate left-arm spinner Jess Jonassen, robbed MI of all momentum. The DC outfielding was up to the mark, with Annabel Sutherland grabbing a fine high catch to send back Amelia Kerr (17). Jonassen and off-spinner Minnu Mani claimed three wickets each.

The electric DC chase was in stark contrast to MI's lethargy. Shafali Verma (43, 28b, 4x4, 3x6) and Meg Lanning (60 n.o., 49b, 9x4) went after the bowling with gusto, making a mockery of the target. The duo effectively put the game to bed in the PowerPlay, powering the side to 57 for no loss.

After hammering leg-spinner Kerr for two big straight sixes, Shafali flicked pacer Amanjot Kaur to deep mid-wicket.

At this stage, DC was in prime position with 39 runs needed from 59 balls. With an eye on the net run-rate, Lanning and Jemimah Rodrigues (15 n.o., 10b, 2x4) kept the hard hits coming to complete the job in 14.3 overs.

The scores:
Mumbai Indians 123/9 in 20 overs (Jess Jonassen 3/25, Minnu Mani 3/17) lost to Delhi Capitals 124/1 in 14.3 overs (Meg Lanning 60 n.o., Shafali Verma 43). **Toss:** Capitals; **PoM:** Jonassen.

Vidarbha pounces on Baby's brain-fade moment

The Kerala captain falls for 98 after looking to slog-sweep Rekhade with the match hanging in the balance; Dubey sets a new record for the most wickets in a season (69) as the host takes a 37-run lead

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P.K. Ajith Kumar
NAGPUR

Sachin Baby did all the hard work in the toughest of conditions. He undid all that with a shot that might haunt him for a long time.

With Kerala inching closer to the Vidarbha first-innings score, and he himself to a hundred in his 100th First Class match, the Ranji Trophy final no less, the Kerala captain went down on his knee to slog-sweep Parth Rekhade. The visitor, at that time, needed 56 runs to get the first-innings lead, and he was batting on 98.

Heartbreak

He watched in horror the ball travelling high in the air towards deep mid-wicket, where Karun Nair took the catch.

That was not just the end of Baby (235b, 345m, 10x4), it was also the end of the last recognised partnership, as the Kerala men chased Vidarbha's 379 at the VCA Stadium on Friday.

They were all out, in what proved to be the third day's final over, for 342. So Vidarbha will come out to bat on Saturday in the second innings with a lead of 37.

Not over

With two days remaining, and with two sides boasting fine spinners and the wicket promising more turn, this match need not be all about the lead.

Day three had begun with Baby gently caressing Nachiket Bhute through the covers, as Kerala resumed at 131 for three.

But he went for his shots only when necessary; he was determined to stay firm on a wicket that clearly was encouraging the tweakers.

But his fourth-wicket stand of 63 with Aditya Sarwate (79, 185b, 275m, 10x4) was broken by Harsh Dubey, the young left-arm spinner who would go on to set a new record for the highest number of wickets in a Ranji season (69).

He produced an outside edge of Sarwate's defensive bat and it ended in an easy catch at silly mid-off.

Neither Salman Nizar nor Mohammed Azharuddeen, the two middle-order batters who held the Kerala batting together this season, could support their captain long enough. Jalaj Saxena, though, offered hope.

The seventh-wicket stand was worth 46 when Baby, who had been threatening to play possibly the innings of his life, committed the first real mistake.

And for once, Kerala's tail did not wag, either.

The scores:

Vidarbha – 1st Innings: 379.

Kerala – 1st Innings: Akshay Chandran b Nalkande 14, Rohan Kunnummal b Nalkande 0, Aditya Sarwate c Malewar b Dubey 79, Ahammed Imran c sub b Yash Thakur 37, Sachin Baby c Karun b Rekhade 98, Salman Nizar lbw b Dubey 21, Mohammed Azharuddeen lbw b Nalkande 34, Jalaj Saxena b Rekhade 28, Eden Apple Tom b Rekhade 10, M.D. Nidheesh lbw b Dubey 1, N.P. Basil (not out) 0; Extras (lb-2, nb-13, w-5): 20; Total (in 125 overs): 342.

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-14, 3-107, 4-170, 5-219, 6-278, 7-324, 8-337, 9-338.

Vidarbha bowling: Nalkande 13-2-52-3, Yash Thakur 17-1-83-1, Bhute 12-3-41-0, Dubey 44-11-88-3, Rekhade 30-7-65-3, Karnewar 9-5-11-0.

Contrasting fortunes: Baby, who was holding fort, fell at the wrong time for Kerala while Dubey's record-breaking performance came at the right time for Vidarbha. NIRMAL HARINDRAN

Wanted to help the team get the first-innings lead: Dubey

P.K. Ajith Kumar
NAGPUR

Harsh Dubey was going to be the biggest threat for Kerala. The third day would be crucial, and the wicket was getting increasingly spinner-friendly.

Not that Dubey needs much assistance. He came into this match with 66 wickets, 22 more than anybody else in the Ranji Trophy this season.

Three more wickets would make him break the record for the highest number of wickets in a season. He did that, but more importantly, he put Vidarbha in an excellent position to win a third Ranji Trophy.

Dubey provided the breakthrough by sending back Aditya Sarwate, who had looked at ease on the second day after being promoted to No. 3, for the first time in his career.

After beating Sarwate with his sharp turn earlier on, he ended the veteran all-rounder's resistance, having him caught close in. He also removed Kerala's leading batter of the season, Salman Nizar, trapping him lbw with another ball that spun menacingly.

He thus equalled the record of Ashutosh Aman. Then he went past that mark by getting M.D. Nidheesh with another lbw verdict.

"I wasn't actually thinking of the record, I just wanted to help my team get the first-innings lead," the 22-year-old said. "Obviously the record is an achievement for me. And I met my parents after the day's play and everyone is happy."

He bowled 44 overs in the innings. "It wasn't easy, as it was hot out there, but I just focussed on helping my team get a good position," he said. "The odd ball is turning, but as Sachin Baby showed if you bat well, you could get runs on this track. He played really well, until he probably had that brain fade moment."

Dubey can also bat. He has scored 472 runs this season at 60.82.

We should be hearing more of him.

Team-work: A disciplined bowling effort helped Vidarbha sneak ahead. NIRMAL HARINDRAN

Meropi has it in her to top the Sprinters; Truth should prevail in the Stayers

RACING

Cyrus J. Madan

The Madras Race Club has played host to the Invitation Cup no less than 12 times. India's most glamorous and exclusive racing carnival returns in all its glory to the historic Guindy racecourse on the first weekend of March. But it comes laced with an unprecedented undercurrent, which could make the 13th running in Chennai the last to be held on a racecourse that is steeped in history and tradition.

But why allow speculation on what will or will not be? It's not in anybody's control, so don't let it spoil the mood. Let's celebrate what promises to be a fabulous weekend where the Madras Race Club has raised the bar to ensure a festival of racing at the very highest level with stake money of over ₹4.16 crore on offer, the richest in the history of the sport in Chennai.

On Saturday, there are two Grade-1 races in a card of eight events and both promise to be absolute crackers. The Zavaray S. Poonawalla Sprinters Cup run over the classic sprint distance of 1200 metres has a field of 11, while the Coromandel Gromor Stayers Cup, a gruelling test of stamina over 3000 metres, has a field of nine horses.

Open look

The Sprint wears a fairly open outlook with last year's champion Time And Tide very much in the picture and sure to start the favourite. He's had the perfect lead up, winning the Dr. S.C. Jain Sprint Championship in Mumbai, and is as genuine as they come.

But he's up against some tough opposition. Of the four Mumbai-based horses he faces again here, he has met and beaten three. Of that trio, Dream Seller was a bit unlucky when finishing third behind him, but I still feel that Time And Tide will take care of that lot.

It's Meropi from Kolkata and Constable from Mumbai who are the ones to watch out for. The former is unbeaten in her last six starts and each victory has been more effortless than the last. She's taken on some of the top sprinters in India, such as Agnostic and Cool Rider and made them look pedestrian.

Constable on paper is a write-off. He's the lowest-rated horse in this race, but he's on the up and the two victories in Mumbai had a stamp of class about them. Of course, he's suddenly going from playing club-level tennis to a Grand Slam, but he just might rise to the occasion.

In summing it up, I would go with Meropi to win from Time And Tide and Constable.

The Stayers Cup on the other hand sees a grey 5-year-old gelding named Truth as the outstanding aspirant. Unbeaten in his last four starts, Truth relishes the distance and is tried and tested over 2800 metres. Whoever wins has to beat Truth.

Time And Tide has an edge in the Sprinters Cup; Truth should deliver in the Stayers Cup

CHENNAI: Time And Tide appears to have an edge over his rivals in the Zavaray S. Poonawalla Sprinters Cup (Gr. I) (1,200m), while Truth appeals most in the Coromandel Gromor Stayers Cup (Gr. I), (3,000m), the stellar attractions of the races to be held here on Saturday (March 1).

An amount of ₹5,00,000 and 1,00.000 will be added to the combined jackpot and mini jackpot pools respectively.

1 DELHI RACE CLUB MILLION (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 1-30 p.m.: 1. Bold Beauty (10) Neeraj 60, 2. Dhanteras (11) Suraj Narredu 60, 3. Mr Starc (2) K. Mukesh Kumar 60, 4. Magical Bay (12) Akshay Kumar 59.5, 5. Desert Goddess (6) Antony Raj 58, 6. Gajabo Grande (5) Salman Khan 58, 7. Verrazzano (8) Yash Narredu 58, 8. Win Win (3) David Allan 58, 9. Bomber Jet (7) D.S. Deora 57.5, 10. Summer Song (1) Hindu Singh 57.5, 11. Authentic Bell (9) M.S. Deora 54 and 12. Fortune Knight (4) Koshi Kumar 53.

BOLD BEAUTY: *Looks fit and well; may upset.* **DHANTERAS:** *Well prepared.* **MAGICAL BAY:** *Her last run is best ignored.* **DESERT GODDESS:** *Fit for the fray.* **WIN WIN:** *A last outing winner; retains form.*

1. DHANTERAS,
2. MAGICAL BAY,
3. DESERT GODDESS

2 MYSORE RACE CLUB MILLION (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 2-00: 1. Desert Kingdom (–) (–) 60, 2. Esconido (5) K. Mukesh Kumar 58, 3. King Ke (4) G. Vivek 58, 4. Star Honour (2) Suraj Narredu 58, 5. Vafadar (3) P. Trevor 58 and 6. Luca (1) A. Sandesh 54.5.

ESCONIDO: *Won a 1,600m by a short neck in the lower class at Mumbai; working attractively.* **KING KE:** *A consistent runner at Mumbai; may raise a winning gallop today.* **STAR HONOUR:** *Looks fit enough; may spring a surprise.*

1. KING KE, 2. ESCONIDO

3 JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH MEMORIAL MILLION (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only (Terms), 2-30: 1. Lightning Blitz (2) Suraj Narredu 56, 2. Thessalian (6) G. Vivek 56, 3. Victoria Maker (4) David Allan 56, 4. Bountiful Beauty (1) Inayat 54.5, 5. Cosette (5) N.S. Parmar 54.5 and 6. Victorious Omen (3) K. Mukesh Kumar 54.5.

LIGHTNING BLITZ: *Twice third at Bengaluru; may raise a winning gallop here.* **THESSALIAN:** *Has improved after his third to El Rey (1,100m); in fine shape.* **VICTORIOUS OMEN:** *Track movements impressive; may spring a surprise.*

1. THESSALIAN,
2. VICTORIOUS OMEN,
3. LIGHTNING BLITZ

4 BANGALORE TURF CLUB MILLION (1,800m), rated 40 to 65, 3-00: 1. Chat (6) Srinath 61.5, 2. Booster Shot (7) K. Nazil 60, 3. Natural Warrior (4) Ankit Pal 60, 4. Sassy (11) P. Trevor 60, 5. Kings Walk (9) K. Mukesh Kumar 59.5, 6. Giant King (3) A.S. Peter 59, 7. Inspire (5) Antony Raj 59, 8. Mystikos (13) David Allan 58, 9. Rise Again (16) Farid Ansari 57, 10. Torobravo (10) L.A. Rozario 57, 11. Saigon (12) Neeraj 55, 12. Vivaldi (1) Hindu Singh 55, 13. Alpha Domino (8) Inayat 54.5, 14. Blue Eyed Boy (15) Koshi Kumar 54, 15. Sweet Fragrance (2) D.S. Deora 54 and 16. Wolf Creek (14) C. Umesh 53.

BOOSTER SHOT: *A consistent runner; continues to shine in the morning trials; sporting blinkers now.* **SASSY:** *Deserves following on her consistency.* **INSPIRE:** *Second to Queen Of Kings in the Bangalore Oaks; in fine condition.* **TOROBRAVO:** *A last outing winner; maintains form.* **MYSTIKOS:** *Runs with an upsetting chance.*

1. INSPIRE,
2. BOOSTER SHOT,
3. TOROBRAVO

5 ZAVARAY S. POONAWALLA SPRINTERS CUP (Gr. I), (1,200m), 4-y-o & over (Terms), 3-30: 1. Aldgate (10) Antony Raj 59, 2. Berrettini (6) David Allan 59, 3. Constable (11) G. Vivek 59, 4. Dream Seller (8) Srinath 59, 5. Magileto (5) P. Trevor 59, 6. Time And Tide (2) A. Sandesh 59, 7. Tom Cruiser (3) L.A. Rozario 59, 8. Masato (7) Akshay Kumar 58, 9. Meropi (4) Yash Narredu 57.5, 10. Miss American Pie (1) N.S. Parmar 57.5 and 11. O Hansini (9) D.S. Deora 57.5.

CONSTABLE: *Winner of his last two starts; retains form.* **DREAM SELLER:** *A consistent performer; may trouble the best.* **TIME AND TIDE:** *An impressive winner of his last start at Mumbai; in great heart.* **MEROPI:** *The Kolkata challenger is in rousing form.* **MISS AMERICAN PIE:** *A good second to Time And Tide; working attractively in the morning trials here.*

1. TIME AND TIDE,
2. MISS AMERICAN PIE,
3. DREAM SELLER

6 SANS CRAINTES STUD MILLION (1,400m), rated 60 to 85, 4-15: 1. Sekhmet (10) R.N. Darshan 60, 2. Royal Defender (1) K. Mukesh Kumar 59.5, 3. Andorra (5) R. Gochhi 59, 4. Ruling Star (8) A.S. Peter 59, 5. Square Cut (3) Srinath 59, 6. Bharat (2) Akshay Kumar 58, 7. Excellent Lass (–) (–) 58, 8. Blue God (6) C. Umesh 54.5, 9. Swarga (7) Hindu Singh 54.5 and 10. Mother's Grace (9) G. Vivek 52.

SEKHMET: *Winner of her last two starts in lower class; may make it three-in-a-row.* **ROYAL DEFENDER:** *His last run is best ignored; working impressively.* **BHARAT:** *Finished second in his last two starts; may raise a winning gallop today.* **MOTHER'S GRACE:** *Well in at the weights.*

1. BHARAT,
2. MOTHER'S GRACE,
3. ROYAL DEFENDER

7 COROMANDEL GROMOR STAYERS CUP (Gr. I), (3,000m), 4-y-o & over (Terms), 4-45: 1. Evaldo (3) G. Vivek 59, 2. Monteverdi (4) K. Mukesh Kumar 59, 3. Ramiel (2) A. Sandesh 59, 4. Trevalius (6) David Allan 59, 5. Truth (7) P. Trevor 59, 6. Queen Anula (9) Srinath 57.5, 7. Casteel (8) Suraj Narredu 56.5, 8. Golden Thunder (1) Antony Raj 56.5 and 9. Mescalito (5) Akshay Kumar 56.5.

EVALDO: *The 7-years-old continues to be zestful.* **MONTEVERDI:** *A gutsy winner of his last start (2,400m), maintains form.* **RAMIEL:** *Won two of his three starts at Kolkata; in fine condition.* **TREVALIUS:** *Has improved after his second to Truth (2,800m).* **TRUTH:** *Won the St. Leger comfortably; maintains form.*

1. TRUTH,
2. RAMIEL,
3. MONTEVERDI

8 ROYAL CALCUTTA TURF CLUB MILLION (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5-30: 1. Elfin Knight (1) A. Sandesh 60, 2. Rays Of Sun (5) D.S. Deora 59.5, 3. Disciple (4) Antony Raj 59, 4. Rising Tycoon (6) C. Umesh 58, 5. Grey Beauty (11) David Allan 56.5, 6. Arjun (10) Neeraj 56, 7. Serdar (9) Srinath 56, 8. Red Falcon (3) L.A. Rozario 55.5, 9. Charukala (12) Hindu Singh 55, 10. Perfect Legend (2) Suraj Narredu 55, 11. Three Little Words (8) P. Trevor 55 and 12. Straordinario (7) K. Mukesh Kumar 53.

ELFIN KNIGHT: *A consistent performer; continues to shine in the morning try-outs.* **DISCIPLE:** *Looks fit and well.* **PERFECT LEGEND:** *A facile winner in his last outing in the lower class; may score again.* **STRAORDINARIO:** *Runs with an upsetting chance.*

1. PERFECT LEGEND,
2. ELFIN KNIGHT,
3. DISCIPLE

Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8; Mini Jkt: 5, 6, 7 & 8; Tr (i): 2, 3 & 4; (ii): 6, 7 & 8.

WHAT THE PROFESSIONALS SAY

ZAVARAY S. POONAWALLA SPRINTERS CUP

Imran Khan: Berrettini has got over his problems but was unlucky in the Bangalore Sprinters Trial. Will give a good account.

Pesi Shroff: Constable has matured late and his last two victories in Mumbai shows that he is on the up. He may be out of the race on the Terms but has shown the ability and is maturing into a top sprinter.

P.S. Chouhan: Dream Seller was unlucky in the Dr. S.C. Jain Sprint Championship. He will go very close to winning in Chennai.

Aman Altad Hussain: Magiletto is as genuine as they come. A top sprinter and I am happy after his win in Hyderabad. Will be right there.

Adhiraj Singh Jodha: Time And Tide has travelled well. He's at the top of his form and whoever wins has to best him.

Prasanna Kumar: Masato is the only 4-year-old in the field, but he's as honest as they come. Gave a good account of himself last time out in top company and he will run well.

Aashay Doctor: Meropi comes into this race unbeaten in her last six starts. She's drawn well and has been winning comfortably. If she can handle running on a new track, she could win.

COROMANDEL GROMOR STAYERS CUP

Prasanna Kumar: Evaldo may not have gone over this distance, but I have no doubts of his getting the trip.

Vijay Singh: Monteverdi has had his share of problems and I had to give a lot of time to come right. I am happy with his last win and think he will relish the trip and run well.

James McKeown: Trevalius may have just won once from 22 starts, but he's placed 16 times and his run in the Indian Champion Cup was encouraging.

Bharath Singh: Ramiel comes fresh from his win in the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Cup over 2800 metres. He relishes distance and will run a great race.

Ajith Kumar: Queen Anula has been a training achievement for me and she was third in the South India Stayers Trial. Just getting her to run in this sort of company is wonderful and I hope she runs well.

Satish Narredu: Casteel was a bit of a let down in the Indian Derby, but he did get a bit interfered with. Taking my chance here, although I am a bit concerned about his going 3000 metres.

Karthik Ganapathy: Golden Thunder is still maturing, but he is an out and out stayer and will go well over this trip.

Defeats teach a lot of lessons, says Gukesh

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

It's been more than two months since D. Gukesh became the youngest world chess champion. But the celebrations haven't stopped for the young Grandmaster.

The 18-year-old youngest World champion sat through a nearly two-hour programme that had laser shows, dance, music and an appearance by Korean pop singer Aoora, organised by his alma mater Velammal Nexus here.

On Friday, the school management in Mogappair felicitated him with a cash award of ₹one crore. "The school has supported me from the beginning till now. I am ever thankful to it," he said.

After the World Championship victory, the Chennai lad took part in two tournaments – Tata Steel in Wijk aan Zee and Freestyle Chess Grand Slam Tour in Weissenhaus, Germany.

While he lost to Praggnanandhaa in the Tata Steel final in a tiebreak, he finished eighth among 10 players in Germany.

On losing to Pragg, Gukesh said it was disappointing but insisted that he has taken a lot of lessons from the defeat. "You can't win everything. I will look at them objectively and see where I can improve."

Gukesh called the Freestyle Chess Slam a "bad event" for him. "It's an interesting format. I am looking forward to playing in the next freestyle event in Paris from April 8 to 15," he said.

According to the Khel Ratna awardee, the Norway chess tournament in Stavanger, beginning on May 26, would be "very special" as he would be meeting World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen. The two last played in the FIDE World Cup quarterfinals in 2023.

"It will, no doubt, be a great learning experience playing Magnus. I am looking forward to playing my best," he said.

Gukesh disagreed with National badminton coach P. Gopi Chand's reported statement that sport is for the rich. "I don't think so. If you are sincere, and have willpower, no matter which gender you are and what background you come from, you can achieve. In my case, we faced financial issues early in my career, but we were dedicated. Sport is equal for all," he said.

Eager: Gukesh feels that Freestyle Chess is an interesting format and says he is looking forward to the next event in Paris. FILE PHOTO

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Four residential flats situated at **Kristal Tech Park View Apartments**, Attipara Village, Kazhakuttom, Trivandrum attached by the Income Tax Department will be sold in public auction through E-auction on MSTC platform at **11.30 AM on 10th March, 2025**. Auction notices of the 4 residential units, terms and conditions and photos/ videos can be viewed on **www.mstcindia.co.in**. Intending bidders may please register with **www.mstcecommerce.com** by remitting one time registration (non refundable) charges of Rs. 1,000/- + GST.

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RE-TENDERS are invited through KPP Portal from reputed manufacturers/firms for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of below mentioned machineries on "Turn Key Basis" at KSIC Unit Silk Filature, T. Narasipura, Karnataka State.

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4	Vacuum Permeating Machine	1	24,000/-
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Tender documents, details of the Notification, schedule, terms & conditions can be downloaded from website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Pre-bid meeting to be held on **07-03-2025 at 11.00 a.m.** and Last date and time for uploading the tender along with **EMD through KPP Portal** is **20-03-2025 upto 3.00 P.M.** The Technical Bids will be opened on **21-03-2025 at 03:30 P.M**. Further details can be had from office of the Undersigned during working hours or KPP portal-help desk - 080-46010000 / 080-68948777.

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **NKGSB CO-OP.BANK LTD.,** the secured creditor will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is"** and **"Whatever there is basis"** and **"WITHOUT RECOURSE"** for the recovery of respective amount, due to the **NKGSB CO-OP. BANK LTD** (Secured Creditor) from the respective Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) as specified here under:

The auction will be conducted on **19.03.2025** between **11:00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.** with unlimited extension of five minutes on **website https://www.bankeauctions.com** Last date for payment of EMD & submission of the documents at Recovery Dept or any of the nearest branch is **18.03.2025** by **4:00 pm.**

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Description of Mortgaged Property	Reserve Price (Rs. in lacs)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Lacs)	BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT (Rs. in lacs)
Flat No.502 (3 BHK) admeasuring 1300.00 square feet super built up area, North facing, on 4th Floor, apartment/building known as **"TEJOMAYAM ENCLAVE"** together with 265.00 square feet of undivided share, House list No.4, Old Khatha No.964, thereafter BBMP serial No.573, New BBMP Khatha No.1333/964/4, situated at KOTHANUR village, Uttarahalli, Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluka, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangar Palike, Gottigere ward No.194, Kothanur, Bengaluru and measuring :East to West 60-0 feet and North to South 40-0 feet, in all measuring 2400.00 square feet.	39.50	3.95	0.10

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Date of Demand Notice	**11/12/2023**
Outstanding amount as on 10.02.2025 (Rs. in Lacs)	**Rs. 53.77**
Date of Physical Possession	**23/08/2024**

Details of Encumbrance known to the secured creditor Bank: Any unpaid property dues, utility bills any other encumbrance not known to authorised officer.

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The borrower(s) & Mortgagor(s) attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

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ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, SOCIAL FORESTRY DIVISION RAICHUR

No:ACF/SFDR/KPPP.Proc.Tender/CR- /2024-25 Date: 28-02-2025

e-Tender Notification (ಎರಡನೇಯ ಸಲ)

This is to inform the public that, for the Financial Year 2024-25 and 2025-26 Deputy Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Raichur is inviting for Tender Forestry Works through e-Procurement (Website Link http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) two cover system in RSP-139 Scheme through Registered Forest Contractors in Territorial Forest Division, Raichur

(Registered in the Year 2024-25) are eligible for applying for Tender Works. Tender From 28-02-2025 to 07-03-2024 4.00 Pm.

Technical Bids open on 10-03-2025 and Financial Bid opening on 11-03-2025 at 4.00 PM. More Details available on the notice board. Office of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Raichur.

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Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Raichur.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Housing Board has invited tender through KPP portal for Appointment of Architectural Engineering Firm (AEF) for the works of Construction of Minority Welfare Department, Morarji Desai Residential School/college.

Sl.No.	Name of Work	Notification No. & Date
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2.	Construction on Residential School / College at Ballary & Koppal districts.	KHB/CE/MWD/KHB/2024-25/ SE0252, Dated: 21.02.2025
3.	Construction on Residential School at Anchatagere village, Hubballi Taluk, Dharwad district.	KHB/CE/MWD/KHB/2024-25/ SE0253, Dated: 21.02.2025
4.	Construction on Residential School at Uthharanahalli village, Shikaripura taluk, Shivamogga district.	KHB/CE/MWD/KHB/2024-25/ SE0254, Dated: 21.02.2025

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID: 03-03-2025 UP TO 4.00 PM

For further information, contact below mentioned Office Address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.
Telephone No.: 080-22273511 / 080-22100077. Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/CP/YC/5307/2024-25

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KHB

Government of Karnataka
Department of Collegiate and Technical Education
NO. 1, Unnatha Shikshana Soudha, Sheshadri Road, Bangalore – 560 001
Phone: 080-22223906, email: dce.tenders2017@gmail.com

No.: DCE/ITS/PUR/2/2025-INFO (Computer No.1694504) **Date: 28.02.2025**

E-Tender Notification

The Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore hereby invites bids in Two-Cover system through e-Procurement portal from eligible bidders for the following Tender. The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Tender Schedules are as below

Sl. No.	Tender Name & Number	Date of Floating Tender on e- Procurement Portal	Date and Time of pre-bid meeting	Last date and Time for bidding through eprocurement portal
1.	**Tender No: DCE/2024-25/IND0050** "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of ICT Equipment to Government First Grade Colleges under Component -8 of RUSA 2.0"	28/02/2025	03/03/2025 11.30 AM	14/03/2025 5.30 PM

DIPR/CP/5367/Zen/2024-25

Sd/-
Commissioner of Collegiate and Technical Education Bangalore, Karnataka

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BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Through KPP portal only)

BWSSB invites Tenders from eligible contractors for the following Works:

Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K. G. Road, Bangalore-09.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number		Amount Put to Tender EMD Amount	Last Date & Time for submission of tender	Date & Time for opening of tender
1.	(South East) - 2	BWSSB/EE(SE-2)/ TO/PB/3861/2024-25 Dt: 27.02.2025/(5th Call)	1.	Rs.14,49,217/- Rs.36,230/-	10-03-2025 upto 4.00 p.m.	11-03-2025 after 4.30 p.m.
			2.	Rs.70,86,992/- Rs.1,41,740/-		
2.		BWSSB/EE(SE-2)/ TO/PB/3863/2024-25 Dt: 27.02.2025/(5th Call)	3.	Rs.98,99,587/- Rs.1,98,000/-		
			4.	Rs.64,72,402/- Rs.1,29,450/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer, (South East)-2.

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO5371/24-25

ಪುರಸಭೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ಚಂದಾಪುರ
ಆನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–560081
ಫೋನ್: 080–27832411, E-Mail: ka.chandapura.tmc@gmail.com

ಸಂ:ಚಂ.ಪು.ಕಾ/ತಾ.ಶಾ/ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ/ಟೆಂ/06/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.02.2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ವಯ 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ವಯ, 2024–25ನೇ ಪುರಸಭಾ ನಿಧಿಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು (As Per Government Order No. FD 4 PCL 2008, Bangalore, dated:14.10.2008 and Government Order No. FD 876 Exp-12/2017, Bangalore, dated: 10/10/2027 and A&B Value Considered Upto 2024-25)

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
1	DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT36311 (Reserve For SC)	18.00
2	DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT36312	20.00
3	DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT36313 (Reserve For ST)	25.00
4	DMA/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT36314 (Reserve For SC)	30.00
5	DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT36315	25.00
6	DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT36316	25.00
7	DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT36318 (Reserve For CAT-II(A))	25.00
8	DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT36319 (Reserve For CAT-1)	25.00
9	DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT36321	30.00
10	DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT36323 (Reserve For CAT-II(A))	30.00
11	DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT36324	30.00
12	DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT36326	30.00
13	DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT36327	20.00
14	DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT36342	15.00

ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ:– 1) ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.03.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. 2)** ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ:18.03.2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5:00 ಗಂಟೆ. 3)** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಪುರಸಭೆಯ ಕಿರಿಯ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರಿಂದ ಅಥವಾ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:080–27832411 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಚಂದಾಪುರ
ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಚಂದಾಪುರ
ಸಹಿ/– ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಚಂದಾಪುರ
ಪಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಪಾಪ್ರ/ಜೆಎ/5363/24–25

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
Ph: 080-22215601, 22211246. Fax: 080-22215602

No: DYES/ES/AP/221/2024-25 **Date: 27/02/2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E- Procurement Portal Only)

The Deputy Director (Admn), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre , Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001, KARNATAKA INDIA invites Tender to take up the Work of Construction of Sports Hostel Building for Girls and boys at Ponnampete through E- Procurement Portal

Sl. No.	Particulars	Tender Amount	EMD	Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid	Last Date and Time for Opening of technical bid
1	Construction of Sports Hostel Building for Girls and boys at Ponnampete	Rs 373.39 Lakhs	Rs 5,60,094.00	27/03/2025 time 16:00 Hrs	28/03/2025 time 16.30 Hrs

The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.

Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin) and
TENDER INVITING AUTHORITY
Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports

DIPR/CP/5351/AKAR/2024-25

OFFICE OF THE
CITY CIVIL COURT, BENGALURU
F.No. ADM II 09/2025 (Manpower Outsource)
Tel: 080 22939220 E-mail: cccadm2gmail.com

CCC.ADM.II. 09/2025 (Manpower Outsource) **Date: 24.02.2025**

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

This Office invites e-Bidding Request For Proposals (Quotations) from Service providers who are interested to supply the Manpower through Outsource to the mentioned below City Civil Court and its units from eligible and interested Firms/Agencies /Operators, through e-procurement portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/Auctions/live)**, for a period of 3 years, renewable each year, from the date of commencement and extendable beyond, until the onboarding of next subsequent tenderer, the details of the numbers of manpower of different cadres required, are as appended:

No.	Tender No. (As issued by the KPPP Portal	Particulars of the Tender	EMD in INR	Last Date to apply
1.	HCK/2024-25/ SE0033 dated 25/02/2025	Re-tender for PROVIDING OUTSOURCE MAN POWER SERVICES to the Office of Courts of FTSC-1, FTSC-2, FTSC-3&FTSC-4-City Civil & Sessions Courts of The City Civil Court & its units.	93144/-	12.03.2025 at 16.01Hrs

Item Code	Cadres	No.s	Total
A.II.09/Manpower/FTSC1234	Typists	8	16
	Attender	4	
	Peon	4	

No.	Tender No. (As issued by the KPPP Portal	Particulars of the Tender	EMD in INR	Last Date to apply
2.	HCK/2024-25 /SE0034 dated 25/02/2025	PROVIDING OUTSOURCE MAN POWER SERVICES to the Office of Courts of FTSC-5 - City Civil & Sessions Courts of The City Civil Court & its units.	23434/-	12.03.2025 at 16.01Hrs

Item Code	Cadres	No.s	Total
A.II.09/Manpower/FTSC5	Typists	2	4
	Attender	1	
	Peon	1	

No.	Tender No. (As issued by the KPPP Portal	Particulars of the Tender	EMD in INR	Last Date to apply
3.	HCK/2024-25 /SE0035 dated 25/02/2025	Inviting Proposals (Quotations) for providing 5 No.s Manpower Services through Outsource to the Courts of LXXXI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge Court, Bengaluru City (Special Court exclusively to deal with criminal cases pending against elected MPs /MLAs in the State),	28592/-	12.03.2025 at 16.01Hrs

Item Code	Cadres	No.s	Total
A.II.09/Manpower/MPMLAs82	Typists	1	5
	Attender	1	
	Peon	2	
	Driver	1	

No.	Tender No. (As issued by the KPPP Portal	Particulars of the Tender	EMD in INR	Last Date to apply
4.	HCK/2024-25 /SE0036 dated 25/02/2025	Inviting Proposals (Quotations) for providing 4 No.s Manpower Services through Outsource to the Office of the Courts of XC Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge Court, Bengaluru City Special Court exclusively to deal with criminal cases pending against elected MPs / MLAs in the State).	22755/-	12.03.2025 at 16.01Hrs

Item Code	Cadres	No.s	Total
A.II.09/Manpower/MPMLAs91	Typists	1	4
	Attender	1	
	Peon	2	

No.	Tender No. (As issued by the KPPP Portal	Particulars of the Tender	EMD in INR	Last Date to apply
5.	HCK/2024-25 /SE0037 dated 25/02/2025	Inviting Proposals (Quotations) for providing 6 No.s Manpower Services through Outsource to the Office of the two Commercial Courts of LXXXII & LXXXII Addl. City Civil & sessions Judge Court, Bengaluru City,	34525/-	12.03.2025 at 16.01Hrs

Item Code	Cadres	No.s	Total
A.II.09/Manpower/CommercialCCH8384	Typists	2	6
	Attender	2	
	Peon	2	

No.	Tender No. (As issued by the KPPP Portal	Particulars of the Tender	EMD in INR	Last Date to apply
6.	HCK/2024-25 /SE0038 dated 25/02/2025	Inviting Proposals (Quotations) for providing 13 No.s Lift Attenders Manpower through Outsource to the Office of the City Civil Court & its units.	71049/-	12.03.2025 at 16.01Hrs

Item Code	Cadres	No.s
A.II.09/Manpower/LiftAttender	Lift Attender	13

No.	Tender No. (As issued by the KPPP Portal	Particulars of the Tender	EMD in INR	Last Date to apply
7.	HCK/2024-25 /SE0039 dated 25/02/2025	Inviting Proposals (Quotations) for providing 2 No.s Drivers Manpower Services through Outsource to the Office of the Courts of XXXV & XLIX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge Court, Bengaluru City	11675/-	12.03.2025 at 16.01Hrs

Item Code	Cadres	No.s
A.II.09/Manpower/DriversCCH36&50	Driver	2

No.	Tender No. (As issued by the KPPP Portal	Particulars of the Tender	EMD in INR	Last Date to apply
8.	HCK/2024-25 /SE0040 dated 25/02/2025	Inviting Proposals (Quotations) for providing 8 No.s Manpower Services through Outsource to the Office of the Courts of 45th & 46th Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate Courts, Bengaluru City	45510/-	12.03.2025 at 16.01Hrs

Item Code	Cadres	No.s	Total
A.II.09/Manpower/4546ACMM	Typists	2	8
	Attender	2	
	Peon	4	

(1) Closing Date & Time for submission of Tender proposal: **12/03/2025 at 04.01 PM. (2)** Tender Opening Date & Time : **Technical : 13/03/2025 at 12.01 p.m. Financial: Upon approval of Technical Bid. (3)** Office Contact Number & e-mail ID: **080 2293 9220, cccadm2@gmail.com. (4)** Pre-bid Meeting : **01/03/2025 at 3.30 p.m., (5)** Pre-bid Meeting Attendance compulsory: **Yes. Certificate of Attendance to be uploaded.**
-subject to the terms and conditions as stipulated in the Full e-Tender Notification of the even reference no., the Eligible and Interested vendors **(having business in Bengaluru City Only)**, in acceptance to the above stated details, terms and conditions may submit their e-Bidding Proposals (Quotations), through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/Auctions/live).**

Sd/-
Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/5316/Zen/2024-25

Harris' baseline power trumps Schoolkate's serve and volley

The two spar for a little over two hours before the Brit wins the chance to take on Holt in the semifinals

BENGALURU OPEN

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Diversity of playing styles is not commonplace in today's men's game. But on Friday afternoon here at the KSLTA courts, Tristan Schoolkate's serve-and-volley met Billy Harris' baseline-driven first-strike tennis.

After sparring for a little under two hours, and entertaining the sparse but enthusiastic crowd, it was World No. 110 Harris who sneaked through by the narrowest of margins, 6-2, 1-6, 7-5, to enter the singles semifinals of the Bengaluru Open.

The 30-year-old will meet America's Brandon Holt, who got past Russian Petr Bar Biryukov 6-4, 6-4.

It was cat and mouse all along, with Harris trying to dictate with his booming serve and Schoolkate repeatedly trying to follow his to the net.

Harris broke twice to win the opening set 6-2 only for his 24-year-old rival to respond in kind and take the second 6-1.

Cranking it up: Harris stuck to the back of the court and served big to get the better of Schoolkate. SUDHAKARA JAIN

In the beginning, Harris served so well that all Schoolkate could do was send blocked returns back, and they sat up well for his British opponent to execute easy put-aways.

In the second stanza, the tide turned as Harris' level dropped and Schoolkate found the forecourt a hospitable place.

He even went on a hot run, reeling off five games in a row, including two breaks to love.

It was only in the deciding set that Harris' and Schoolkate's tennis matched, and that resulted in an engrossing affair. Schoolkate, ranked 23 places behind Harris, went 3-1 up, showcasing some first-rate volleying. But the latter levelled matters at 3-3, displaying his brute backcourt prowess.

In the 10th and 11th games, Harris and Schoolkate put pressure on each other, but both players wriggled out of identical 0-30 situations.

And just when it seemed like the set would slip into a tie-break, Harris came up with a remarkable down-the-line return winner to earn his first match-point. Another fierce return, this time cross-court, gave him the bragging rights.

In doubles, top seeds Anirudh Chandrasekar and Taipei's Ray Ho beat Saketh Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan 6-4, 2-6, [10-8] to enter the final.

In Saturday's summit clash, they will meet the second-seeded Australian duo Blake Bayldon and Matthew Christopher Romios, which overcame Siddhant Banthia and Parikshit Somani 6-3, 7-6(6).

Other results: Quarterfinals: James McCabe (Aus) bt Nicolas Mejia (Col) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; Shintaro Mochizuki (Jpn) bt Hynek Barton (Cze) 7-6(5), 6-3.

Oldest Test cricketer dies in South Africa aged 98

Agence France-Presse
GQEBERHA (SOUTH AFRICA)

Ron Draper, who was the oldest living Test cricketer, has died here at the age of 98 years and 63 days, his family said on Friday.

Draper, a top-order batsman and occasional wicketkeeper, played in two Test matches for South Africa against Australia in 1950. One of his opponents, Neil Harvey, now becomes the oldest living Test player at the age of 96.

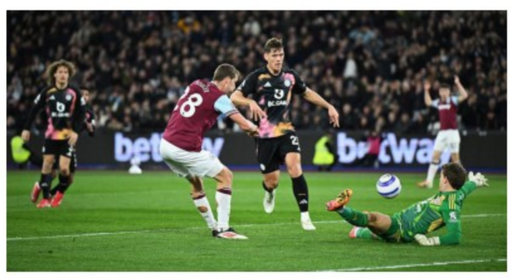
Both previous oldest Test cricketers were South Africans – Norman Gordon, who died aged 103 in 2016, and John Watkins, who was 98 when he died in 2021.

Draper, who was born on 24 December, 1926, made a century on First-Class debut for Eastern Province against Orange Free State on his 19th birthday.

After making 86 for the province against the touring Australians in 1949-50, he was selected for the last two Tests against the tourists but scored only 25 runs in three innings.

Draper died in a retirement home in Gqeberha on Tuesday. His death was confirmed by his son-in-law on Friday.

INBRIEF



West Ham compounds Leicester's misery

West Ham handed relegation-threatened Leicester its fourth straight Premier League loss by beating Ruud van Nistelrooy's team 2-0 on Thursday. Leicester remains 19th in the standings, five points from safety. The Foxes have lost 11 of their past 12 league games. Leicester shook up its coaching staff after last weekend's 4-0 home loss to Brentford but kept Van Nistelrooy in charge. In 14 Premier League games under Van Nistelrooy, Leicester has two wins, one draw and 11 losses. AC Milan squandered a first-half advantage in a 2-1 loss at Bologna in a rescheduled Serie A match. The defeat follows elimination from the Champions League and a loss to Torino last weekend. Milan dropped to eighth place while Bologna moved up to sixth.

The result: Premier League: West Ham 2 (Soucek 21, Vestergaard 43-og) bt Leicester 0.
Serie A: Bologna 2 (Castro 48, Ndoye 82) bt AC Milan 1 (Leao 43).

Facile win for Vijaya Nagara FC over RWF FC

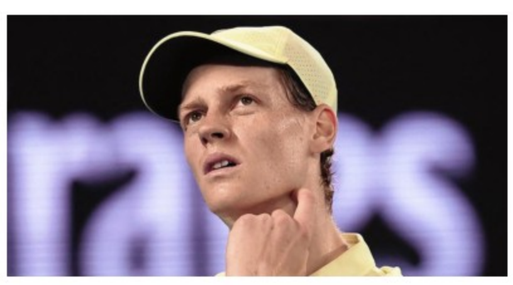
Vijaya Nagara FC blanked RWF FC 3-0 in the BDFA UrbanRise A-division league football in Bengaluru on Friday.

The results: A-div: Bangalore Dream United FC 2 (K. Lalrinfela 8, Alson Fernandes (OG) 50) bt Roots FS (KSFA) 0; Vijaya Nagara FC 3 (Hentinsei Kipgen 10, Omer Faruk 53, S.G. Anthony Clinton 79) bt RWF FC 0.
C-div: Young Dynamos FC bt BagalGunte FC 4-0; Jai Bharath Nagar FC bt City Club FC 8-0.

Tharun, Unnati, Rakshitha enter quarters at German Open

Indian shuttlers Tharun Mannepalli, Unnati Hooda, and Rakshitha Sree Santosh Ramraj advanced to the quarterfinals of the German Open Super 300 tournament on Thursday.

The results (pre-quarterfinals): Men: Tharun Mannepalli bt Brian Yang 21-14, 15-21, 21-17; Toma Junior Popov bt Priyanshu Rajawat 16-21, 21-18, 21-4; Wang Zheng Xing bt Kiran George 21-18, 21-13.
Women: Unnati Hooda bt Asuka Takahashi 21-13, 21-19; Rakshitha Sree Santosh Ramraj bt Lo Sin Yan 21-17, 21-11; Nguyen TL bt Aakarshi Kashyap 21-14, 21-17.
Doubles: Dhruv Kapila & Tanisha Crasto bt Jones Ralfy Jansen and Thuc Phuong Nguyen 21-10, 21-19.
Mixed doubles: Jafar Hidayatullah & Felisha Alberta Nathaniel Pasaribu bt Ashith Surya & Amrutha Pramuthesh 21-10, 21-17.



Banned Sinner's nomination for Laureus award withdrawn

The nomination of Jannik Sinner for the Laureus sportsman of the year award was withdrawn because of the top-ranked tennis player's three-month ban for his two positive doping tests nearly a year ago.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: (final), day 4, JioHotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Champions Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 2.30 p.m.
ISL: Sports 18-3 & JioHotstar, 5 & 7.30 p.m.
LaLiga: gxr.world, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)
WPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Serie A: gxr.world, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Sunday)
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 11 p.m.

Akaash and Preemal with their reward. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Akaash and Preemal take the honours

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Akaash Ashok Kumar and Preemal Joan won the men's and women's titles respectively at the Karnataka State-ranking tenpin bowling tournament on Friday.

In the men's final, Akaash beat Parvez Ahmed by 40 pins (391-351), while among women, Preemal defeated second seed Hitasha Sisodiya by nine pins (346-337).

Aravindh in joint lead; Praggnanandhaa draws again

PRAGUE MASTERS

Press Trust of India
PRAGUE

Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa played out a second straight draw against Turkey's Gurel Ediz while Aravindh Chithambaram crashed through the defences of Germany's Vincent Keymer in the second round of the Prague Masters here on Thursday.

The Indian was involved in the sole decisive game of the day in the 10-players round-robin format.

Aravindh joined Sam Shankland in lead on 1.5 points out of two games.

In the challengers' section which is being held simultaneously, Divya Deshmukh broke out of her shackles to score an impressive victory over Richard Stalmach of the Czech Republic.

The results (second round): Vincent Keymer (Ger, 1) lost to Aravindh Chithambaram (1.5); Wei Yi (Chn, 0.5) drew with Anish Giri (Ned, 1); Nguyen Thai Dai Van (Cze, 1) drew with Sam Shankland (USA, 1.5).

Gurel Ediz (Tur, 0.5) drew with R Praggnanandhaa (1); David Navara (Cze, 1) drew with Le Quang Leim (Vie, 1).

Challengers: Vaclav Finek (Cze, 1) drew with Ma Qun (Chn, 1); Marc'Andria Maurizzi (Fra, 0.5) drew with Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzb, 1.5); Divya Deshmukh (1) bt Richard Stalmach (Cze, 0.5).

Jonas Buhl Bjerre (Den, 1.5) drew with Ivan Salgado Lopez (Esp, 1.5); Jachym Nemec (Cze, 0.5) drew with Stamatis Kourkoulous-Arditis (Ger, 0.5).

Recalling Spassky vs. Fischer 'match of the century' during Cold War

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Fifty-three years ago, the Cold War was transposed to a chessboard as Bobby Fischer of the United States took on defending world champion Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union, who has died aged 88, in a thrilling East-West clash dubbed the "match of the century".

Some 50 million TV viewers tuned into the two-month-long tussle in the Icelandic capital Reykjavik, where chess's enfant terrible Fischer set out to wrest the championship from the Soviet Union, which had dominated the game for decades.

AFP reported daily from the competition. This account is based on its reporting.

Epic duel: Spassky and Fischer playing their last game in the 1972 World Championship. AP

Polar opposites

On one side of the table is Fischer, an eccentric, fiercely competitive 29-year-old former boy wonder, who was holding his own among America's greats by the age of 12 and has already won eight US chess championships.

Grown up in the New York suburb of Brooklyn, Fischer became the world's youngest ever Grandmaster at the age of 15.

In the other seat is 35-year-old Boris Spassky, a trained journalist and married father of two children who has been world champion for three years.

Born in Leningrad (now Saint Petersburg) in 1937 he was sent to an orphanage in Siberia during the Nazi German siege of the city during World War II.

Fischer makes a series of demands before agreeing to participate.

But on the eve of the competition, he has still not shown up.

Henry Kissinger, US national security advisor , calls Fischer and convinces him to take part.

Game 21, which goes to Fischer, turns out to be the last. The next day Spassky resigns the game, making Fischer the 11th world chess champion, with a final score of 12.5-8.5.

Yuki and Popyrin make doubles final in Dubai

INDIANS ABROAD

Sports Bureau

Yuki Bhambri in partnership with Alexei Popyrin of Australia beat Grand Slam champions Jamie Murray and John Peers 6-2, 4-6, [10-7] in the doubles semifinals of the $3,415,700 ATP tennis tournament in Dubai on Friday.

The unseeded Indo-Aussie pair, which had beaten the top seeds in the first round, will play second seeds Harri Heliovaara and Henry Patten in the final.

Sriram Balaji progressed to the doubles semifinals with Miguel-Reyes Varela of Mexico in the ATP event in Mexico. Rithvik Bollipalli also made the doubles semifinals with Nicolas Barrientos in the ATP event in Santiago, Chile.

The results:
$3,415,700 ATP, Dubai, UAE
Doubles (semifinals): Yuki Bhambri & Alexei Popyrin (Aus) bt Jamie Murray (GBR) & John Peers (Aus) 6-2,, 4-6, [10-7].
$2,763,440 ATP, Acapulco, Mexico
Doubles (quarterfinals): Sriram Balaji & Miguel Reyes-Varela (Mex) bt Hans Verdugoo (Mex) & JJ Tracy (USA) 6-7(5), 6-2, [10-8].
$710,735 ATP, Santiago, Chile
Doubles (quarterfinals): Nicolas Barrientos (Col) & Rithvik Bollipalli bt Marcelo Demoliner & Marcelo Zormann (Bra) 3-6, 7-6(2), [10-8].
$15,000 ITF men, Pretoria, South Africa
Singles (quarterfinals): Pepijn Bastiaansen (Ned) bt Ishaque Eqbal 6-3, 6-2;
Pre-quarterfinals: Isshaque bt Noah Thurner (Ger) 7-6(5), 6-4;
First round: Ishaque bt Alexey Aleshchev 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-1.
$15,000 ITF women, Pretoria, South Africa
Singles (pre-quarterfinals): Marelie Raath (GBR) bt Ashmitha Easwaramurthi 6-3, 6-3.
Doubles (quarterfinals): Abhilasha Bista (Nep) & Sapir Cohen (Isr) bt Shria Atturu (USA) & Ashmitha Easwaramurthi 6-7(2), 6-4, [10-7].

Ahmedabad to host UTT from May 29

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MUMBAI

Ahmedabad will host the sixth edition of the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT), a franchise-based table tennis league, from May 29 to June 15.

Niraj Bajaj and Vita Dani, co-promoters of the league, announced the window for the league along with the new venue through a statement on Friday.

"Ahmedabad and Gujarat are rapidly emerging as strong hubs for Olympic sports, especially with India's bid to host the Olympics in the future gaining momentum. Bringing Season 6 here is a step toward further strengthening that growth," they said.

After being staged in Mumbai, Pune, New Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai in its previous editions, it will be the first time UTT will be played in a city in Gujarat. The league will continue to feature eight teams.

Stalemate

Scrappy affair: Odisha FC's playoff hopes took a hit after it was held goalless by Mohammedan SC in an Indian Super League fixture in Bhubaneswar on Friday. BISWARANJAN ROUT